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## weather



### TODAY:

Showers with a high of 55 and a low of 43.

### FRIDAY:

Scattered showers with a high of 54 and a low of 25.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 49 and a low of 27.

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Showers with a high of 48 and a low of 10.

## verbatim

"Having always been a small, skinny and unimposing man, I've always harbored the desire to be big, thick and imposing"

Peter Dubin

## DREAM Members Protest At BOV Meeting

By MATT WRIGHT and JORDY KEITH

Staff Writers

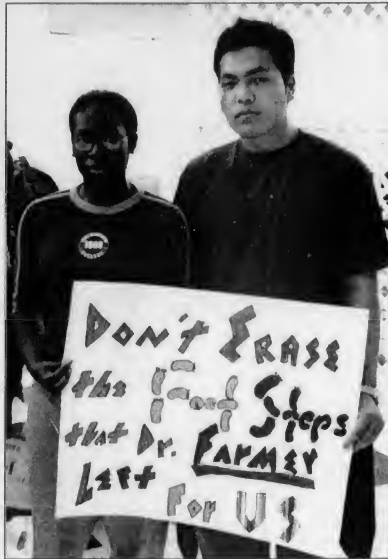
Last Friday, the campus group Students Demanding Rights, Education, and Multiculturalism (DREAM) organized a silent protest at the college's Board of Visitors meeting, against what they feel are unnecessary changes to the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

Although the afternoon ended with two board members agreeing to informally meet the following day with students, many of the protestors felt that their presence went unnoticed.

"That was very, very insulting," Bill Hanson, associate professor of sociology, said. "I think that's a motivator to me to say we should escalate our tactics."

The students, clad in red shirts and carrying signs that read slogans such as, "Missing: James Farmer's legacy," marched into the student activities portion of the BOV meeting. They stood silently as Student Government President Kelly Turcic addressed the BOV about the students' concerns over the reconstruction of the center.

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Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Sophomores Crystal Small and Ka Shim hold one of many signs made by students for Friday's protest.

## SGA To Propose New Constitution

By ELIZABETH WATERS

News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) is considering a motion that would drastically alter its constitution. The major changes being proposed are:

"Reasserting that Giant Productions and the Inter-Club Association (ICA) are committees under the SGA

"Making the Judicial Review Board (JRB) the sole interpreter of the SGA constitution

"Reducing the number of committees in the Student Senate from eight to four

"Holding Senate elections in both the fall and spring

Josh Maddox, who graduated from the college in May and served as Legislative Action Committee chair last year, wrote the proposed constitution, with help from other members of SGA. He said he was prompted to make changes after attending a Virginia Student Leadership Alliance conference.

"The first VSLA meeting we went to, we had to describe how our student government was set up, and I didn't even get halfway through it before everyone was laughing at me," he said.

The proposed constitution is still in its preliminary stages and has not yet been voted on by the Student Senate or SGA executive cabinet. However, most members of executive cabinet agree with Maddox that changes need to be made to the existing constitution.

"We all think it's something that needs to be done," said senior Kelly Turcic, SGA president. "I think that our current constitution is very vague, and there are many areas in it that contradict each other. The purpose of the new constitution is to make SGA more effective."

According to John Lydon, LAC chair, the current SGA constitution has been in place for eight years.

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Joel Nelson/Bullet

Freshman senator Maureen Godfrey takes notes at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

## BOV Approves Campus Clock Tower, Looks For Human Rights Professor

### Clock To Be Placed Near Campus Center

### Dalai Lama A Possibility

By JESSICA M. CLEMENTS

Staff Writer

At the Nov. 10 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of the Board of Visitors, Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, announced that a \$24,000 street clock is going to be erected on the plaza outside of the campus center.

According to Hurley, the planning of the street clock has been in the works since last year, though he suspected most members of the BOV heard about it for the first time at Friday's meeting.

"The clock is the result of students going to Bernard Chirico, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, and Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, expressing interest," Hurley said at the BOV meeting.

Rucker said that student leaders have been proposing ideas about another clock on campus for about five years.

"The issue was that there is a clock on [George Washington Hall] and a clock on Chandler, but there is no time

piece on the other end of campus," Rucker said. "So finally a student committee was formed so students could have their say on the matter."

According to Rucker, the student committee met during the fall 1999 and spring 2000 semesters to design the clock.

"I provided the students with packets of information about different options for a clock," Rucker said. "And then they just took the ball and ran with it."

Senior Madelyn Marino served on the student planning committee for the clock as one of seven students who considered the many options in designing the clock.

"We knew that we wanted something that would fit in with the style of our school, for example, large white columns," Marino said.

According to Rucker, the street clock will be a four-faced clock with "Mary Washington College" written on the faces. It will be approximately 16 ft. tall, and the clock faces will be illuminated at night. It will be located

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Corey Byrnes/Bullet

SGA President Kelly Turcic (top) and President William Anderson listen to committee discussions.



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER

Staff Writer

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Friday Nov. 10 to discuss various topics such as changes to the summer school program and the James Farmer Visiting Professorship in Human Rights.

Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, informed the committee that to overcome a financial deficit from last year, the school must make plans to reduce summer class offerings by 20, dropping the least popular classes first. Hall also said that he hopes the changes will not affect students seeking to fulfill major requirements or tough general education or across the curriculum requirements.

"The ones we're going to drop are going to be the ones with tiny enrollment," Hall said. "By and large the ones affecting majors have more enrollment."

The issues pertaining to the James Farmer Visiting Professorship in Human Rights were discussed because following the death of Farmer, a civil rights leader who organized the Freedom Rides in the 1960s and taught at Mary Washington College from 1985 to 1999, the college set up a fund for a visiting professorship every semester.

Ron Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations and Hall reported on the progress of finding the inaugural visiting professor for next semester. Singleton said there is a list of potential names at this point and that he has sent out several invitations, but no decisions have come about yet. Currently he says there are several options to fill the position.

First, the college could hire a professor with academic experience to teach a class in history or another discipline for the entire semester, or could hire a series of speakers to be available to a larger portion of the campus community. If the school were to follow the option of inviting a series of speakers, it would seek people of "national or international renown," such as the Dalai Lama, who would not necessarily need to have academic teaching experience.

Singleton said the criteria used to choose the visitor will involve name recognition and impact. The college may also choose to explore an in-residence option.

Another big issue on the table at the meeting involved SIR II teacher evaluations at Mary Washington College.

According to Hall, Mary Washington

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## College Purchases Online Registration Software

By CATHERINE KOHLER

Staff Writer

Last Wednesday junior Andrew Tremaglio got up at 5:30 a.m. to register for his classes for the spring semester. Tremaglio, who is a psychology major, waited in line for two-and-a-half hours for his 8 a.m. registration time.

Soon enough the long lines and frustration that Tremaglio and many other students experience during registration week will be a thing of the past, according to college administrators. Mary Washington College purchased an online system, called Integrated Records Information System (IRISLink), that will eventually allow students to register for classes on the Web.

"This is something that needs to be done. We can no longer have 4,000 students waiting in line to register. It's almost archaic," said William Kemp, chair of the English, linguistics and speech department and member of the IRISLink Task Force that formed this fall in order to test out the online system.

The Task Force consists of two other faculty members, three student members, and representatives from the Registrar's Office, Academic Affairs, Academic Services and Computer and Network Services.

This spring the Task Force is hoping to run a pilot test with a group of students, and then based on what they discover, they will decide when to fully implement IRISLink, according to Task Force member Susan Stevenson, registrar and director of summer session.

Although different versions of the system are still being tested to figure out which works best, the Task Force has a general idea of how the system will work.

"Each student will be given a window of time during which they can register online. There will be more phone lines, so more people can register during a given time period," Kemp said.

Students at the University of Virginia are already using an online system for class registration, and James Madison University is in its third semester of online registration.

Longwood College has not yet installed an online system, however the college uses a phone system for class registration. According to Stevenson, Mary Washington College decided to skip over the phone system option and look into online system right away.

"There is no use to go to a phone system since most people [at Mary Washington College] have access to a computer," Stevenson said.

Many students are anxious for Mary Washington College to implement web access for class registration because it will minimize the hassle of registration week.

"It will help students in the fact that they are not going to have to wait in line. They can just do everything on their own computer," said senior Peter Squire, who is a member of the IRISLink Task Force.

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## Students Say BOV Unresponsive

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"As you can see, this is something students are particularly concerned about," Turcic said. "I don't see this as something that will go away."

The students are most concerned with the relocation of part of the center. Over the summer, the administrative offices of Multicultural Affairs were moved to Marye House, while the center itself remained in Lee Hall.

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said that two mentors would be hired to work at the center. At the BOV meeting, Chirico announced that Gretta Franklin, who graduated from Mary Washington College last year, was recently hired to fill one of these positions while Ameeta Vashee, acting director for the center, continues to search for another.

Chirico also announced to the BOV that he currently is forming an Issues Advisory Group, which will consist of 12 members including students, faculty, and staff. The group will tentatively meet once a month to discuss multicultural issues as well as other items on campus. Chirico refused to name any members of the advisory group.

After Chirico's announcements, the BOV closed their doors to discuss a private matter not relating to the Multicultural Center. The protestors moved to a nearby room to share their opinions on the meeting. Many of the protestors were upset that they had not been recognized by the board during the meeting.

"I was a little upset by the fact that the BOV didn't recognize [us], because they are for the students and there was no student involvement at all," Erin Murphy, a junior, said. "They didn't even ask questions when they saw us standing there."

Special Collections Librarian Brenda Sloan urged students to gather more participants in their protest. "Get your parents involved, get them up here next time you have a rally," she said.

Midway through the discussion, Turcic entered the room along with Vincent DiBenedetto, BOV rector and chair of the board's student affairs committee, and board member Fred Thompson, to address the group's concerns. Turcic said that although the BOV had spent time earlier in the day before the meeting discussing the issue, she thought they would have taken more notice of the students.

DiBenedetto and Thompson agreed to meet with any interested parties the next day at noon and listen to the concerns.

Junior Toni Fashola, member of DREAM, said, "[DiBenedetto and Thompson] just wanted to know why we were upset because they had not known exactly how it affected the students. They would relay what we had said back to the BOV."

DiBenedetto and Thompson took all of the student's names in attendance at the meeting on Saturday and apologized for what has gone on. DiBenedetto said he would then discuss these concerns to the other members of the board.

## Companies Fight Over Construction Of Clock Tower

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in the middle of the brick courtyard outside of Woodard Campus Center.

Freshman Abby Kistler thinks the clock is a good idea.

"A clock on that end of campus would come in handy because I always come out of the Eagle's Nest right before rushing to my German class in duPont," Kistler said. "Maybe it would help me get to class on time."

Sophomore Tony Ridpath is not pleased with the planned location of the clock.

"Right in the middle of the plaza is not a good place," Ridpath said. "The plaza is nice now because it is really open and vendors can set up there and sell their stuff. A big clock in the middle would be an obstacle to work and walk around."

Marino said that they were not given choices as to where the clock was placed, just in its design. Marino is satisfied with the end plan for the clock.

"I think we chose one that would best suit Mary Washington," Marino said. "Nothing too flashy, or too dull."

However, Marino and the rest of the student body will have to wait until the end of March 2001 for the clock to be put in place because of a delay caused by two

companies battling over the bid to produce the clock.

According to Erma Baker, director of purchasing, the college sent out a set of specifications to potential contractors, describing the details of the clock laid out by the student planning committee. Vendors sent bids back to the college, and the college selected Electric Time, a Virginia company, to make the street clock. But Verdin Co. of Ohio appealed Mary Washington College's selection of Electric Time.

"The appeal was made by Verdin on the grounds that they claimed to have a better product," Baker said. "I'm sure they have a nice product, but Verdin didn't have the lowest price to meet all the specifications."

The Procurement Appeals Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia met on Nov. 1 and ruled in favor of the college's selection of Electric Time to make the clock. But, according to the appeal process, Verdin has the lawful right to appeal again within the next 30 days.

Baker said it is a wise business decision for Mary Washington College

to not make any moves on producing the street clock in the next 30 days.

"Any party to a hearing before the board is entitled to institute judicial review if such action is brought within 30 days after receipt of the board's written decision," Baker said.

The delay in bids has resulted in a delay in constructing the clock, and according to Hurley, the college is not expecting to receive the clock until February and will probably put it in place in March.

Even though Marino served on the Student Planning Committee, she was not informed of the delay in production.

"I just assumed that is how long it took to make it," she said.

Despite the delay in the production of the clock, other advancements have been made on the project as a whole during this layover period.

Ron Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, reported at the BOV meeting that the clock area outside of the campus center is going to be named in honor of an alumni donation.

According to Jeff Rountree, vice

president for college development, Elizabeth Kalnen, class of 1937, wanted to do something nice for the college as well as memorialize her sister, Margaret Rose Kalnen Damke, a 1933 graduate of Mary Washington College.

"At nearly 90 years old, Ms. Kalnen drove herself up to Fredericksburg because she hadn't seen the campus in 30 years and wanted to pick a nice spot where she and her sister could be honored," Rountree said. "I mentioned that the students were planning to erect a clock below the Woodard Center and she loved the idea."

Rountree said that the college budgeted the money to pay for the clock, though the budget did not include enough to include chimies in the clock. Kalnen agreed to pay for the chimies.

According to Rountree, Kalnen's total gift to the college is \$135,000. After the chimies in the clock are paid for, her donation will be designated to the Alumni Executive Center.

Junior Matt Klingler is looking forward to seeing the street clock unveiled on the campus center's courtyard in the spring.

"I'm all for the street clock," Klingler said. "It sounds pretty cool to me."

## Students Frustrated With Current Registration Process

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Sophomore Stephanie Jenkins, who missed her registration time because of a biology lab, said that the current registration system is "ancient" and that online registration is desperately needed.

"I missed my afternoon appointment because I had to worry about going to my lab so I ended up having to go and register the next morning at 7 a.m.," Jenkins said. "The next morning when I got to GW there were already three rows of people in front of me, so I ended up not getting some of my classes and I guess my only option now is force-adding next semester."

According to Stevenson, if a student cannot or does not come at that student's assigned time, the student must wait in line behind other students who arrive earlier.

"While many students see [the online system] as a great idea, the system does have its drawbacks," Stevenson said. Squire agreed.

"[Students] will lose all personal contact and since you are searching for classes by yourself, it might be difficult to get alternate classes," Squire said.

Junior Karen Hoogland said, "I think [the online system] is a good idea for the future, but I'm not looking forward to

getting used to a whole new system. I already have our current one figured out."

Carol Martin, associate vice president for computer and network services, was not available to comment on the costs of the new system.

Students currently register in the Registrar's Office during an allotted time slot that has been assigned to them according to the number of credit hours they have accumulated.

According to Stevenson, approximately 230 students were assigned to register during each allotted time slot, which made for a total of almost 3,500 registered students by the end of the week.

According to Betty Bradshaw, assistant registrar for administration and enrollment, the same basic system of registration has been in place at the college for 21 years with only a few minor changes.

The week-long process of registration involves an exhausting workload for the Registrar's Office, according to Stevenson.

"All of our staff members are here

for nine hours each day," Stevenson said.

Registration week can also be very exhausting for students, many of whom wait in line for several hours in order to figure out their schedules.

"It's a lot of waiting in lines and not getting what classes you want. It's such a long process with force-adding and everything else, and I'm still just trying to fulfill my [general education requirements]," freshman Lauren said.

"[The Registrar's Office] understands the students' frustration and we try our best to eliminate that frustration," Stevenson said.

According to Stevenson, the Registrar's Office used every possible computer and every possible data entry



Juliette Gomez/Bullet  
The college's current registration system has been in place for 21 years.

Dickenson person so that registration was as speedy a process as possible.

However, once the college implements the online system, registration should be even quicker.

"I'm just glad I won't have to get up so early in the morning," said Tremaglio, who ended up getting all but one of the classes he wanted.

### Corrections:

In the Nov. 2 article, "High CO2 Levels In GW Cause Health Concerns," Lisa Hill was incorrectly identified as the assistant dean, a position which she held previously. Also, her office was moved from the basement of George Washington Hall due to complications of environment, not strictly carbon dioxide levels.

In the Nov. 9 guest column "Pro-Lifer Says Professor Biased," Lewis Fickett's name was misspelled.



Compiled by Ryan Hamm

### Beate Attacker Cleared Of Attempted Murder

The man accused of attempting to murder former Beate George Harrison was found guilty in Oxford, England, on Wednesday. According to Judge Michael Astill, Michael Abram, 34, was found innocent by reason of insanity. Psychiatrists said that Abram believed he was possessed by Harrison. Abram had been charged with two counts of attempted murder after an attack on George and Olivia Harrison at their home on Dec. 30, 1999.

### Nation Still Waits For Florida

Florida's deadline for filling official county-by-county results in the highly controversial presidential election has passed, with Texas Gov. George W. Bush leading Vice President Gore by 300 votes. It may be several more days at least before a final determination will be made as to who won Florida's 25 electoral votes and the presidency.

### Clinton Goes East

President Clinton arrived in Brunei in Southeast Asia Tuesday to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit and to meet with the leaders of Russia and China. According to National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, Clinton is scheduled to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss increased cooperation efforts to reduce the risk of accidental missile launches. Clinton's visit to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, will mark the first trip ever of an American president to a unified Vietnam.

### Mother Sentenced To Death

A Pittsburgh woman was sentenced to die for starving her seven-year-old daughter to death. Michelle Sue Sharp, 31, was convicted of murder in the death of Tausha Lee Lanham. The girl's body was found along a road in West Virginia, where it was reported that her body weighed less than 12 pounds when she died in 1998.

### ABC On Top

According to Nielsen Media Research, ABC carried the week of Nov. 6-12 in prime-time ratings, held by "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," "The Practice" and Monday Night Football. ABC ranked first in prime time with an average of 14.1 million viewers followed by NBC's 13.6 million viewers. ABC's top-ranked show was Sunday's "Millionaire" with 16 million viewers.

## Police Beat

By ELIZABETH WATERS  
News Editor

Nov. 9—A student reported a bicycle stolen from Framar Hall. The bicycle is valued at \$150 and the incident is under investigation.

Nov. 10—An individual not affiliated with the college was found trespassing at the tennis courts in the Battleground Athletic Complex. The individual was escorted off campus by a college police officer and was barred from campus.

Nov. 10—A contractor leaving the physical plant lot

damaged state property when he struck a piece of machinery. No charges were filed, and the contractor was referred to the administration.

Nov. 11—A member of the residence life staff confiscated alcohol from a student's room in Marshall Hall. The student was referred to the administration.

Nov. 12—An intoxicated student in Mercer Hall was transported by rescue squad to the emergency room.

## Campus Information

▼ The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance continues its 2000-2001 season with "Cabaret," a musical depicting the world of the 1930s Berlin. Performances of "Cabaret" will be held Nov. 16 through 18 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in Klein Theatre, duPont Hall. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$4 for MWC students, faculty and staff. "Cabaret" may not be appropriate for children or others who are sensitive to challenging material. For more information, call the Klein Theatre box office at (540) 654-1124.

▼ The Hachidori Piano Trio will perform on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Pollard Hall Recital Hall. The program is free and open to the public. The selections that will be played by the trio are Mozart's "Piano Trio in B-flat Major," Shostakovich's "Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor," and Brahms' "Piano Trio in C Minor." For more information about the concert, contact Patricia Norwood, chair of the Department of Music, at (540) 654-1961.

▼ "Deck the Halls - the 20th Anniversary" will be the theme of the annual holiday decorating workshop offered by the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library in conjunction with Jan Williams Florals. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Monroe Hall, Room 104. "Deck the Halls - the 20th Anniversary" is open to the public at a cost of \$20 per person. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and can be arranged by calling the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library at (540) 654-1043 or by visiting the museum at 908 Charles Street.

▼ Belmont, The Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, will host its 23rd Annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Belmont is located at 224 Washington St. in Falmouth, off U.S. Route 17, just west of U.S. Route 1. For more information, call (540) 654-1015.

# Viewpoints

your opinions

## Leave It To Beger

The latest two editions of The Bullet's Police Beat have been lacking. Usually, College Police Chief Stan Beger enthusiastically provides a Bullet staffer with information regarding crimes committed on campus. Unfortunately, for the last two weeks, Beger was unavailable and The Bullet was left to deal with Lt. Rick Knick. Knick gave practically no details of what had occurred, had outdated information and was generally dismissive.

One of the reasons Police Beat exists, other than to inform students of what crimes are occurring on campus, is to assist police with their investigations. After reading Police Beat, a student may realize that information he or she previously thought was unimportant could be valuable in assisting college police with their investigation.

But when Knick gives so little information, such as "larceny occurred on campus" with no details, it is doubtful that the information can be used to help police solve the crime.

We hope Beger is back soon—so he can teach Knick how to handle Police Beat for the next Beger is out of the office.

## Bushwhacked

Despite widely reported voting irregularities, the Republican Party establishment that controls Florida has decided to ignore the will of the people and try to crown George W. Bush president of the United States.

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, co-chair of Bush's campaign for president in Florida, announced Wednesday her intention to ignore manual ballot recounts underway in Florida counties in which machine errors could have incorrectly counted some ballots.

That means that even if the manual recounts show that Vice President Al Gore got more votes in the state than any other candidate, Harris will refuse to certify the real ballot count, thus guaranteeing that Florida's 25 Electoral College votes and the presidency unfairly go to Bush.

Putting hastiness and partisan politics ahead of the spirit of republican democracy, Harris and her Republican cronies have shown that making Bush the next president is more important to them than the will of the people—the very bedrock of our democracy.

If the Republicans succeed in stealing this election for George W. Bush, he will for the next four years have zero legitimacy as America's commander-in-chief.

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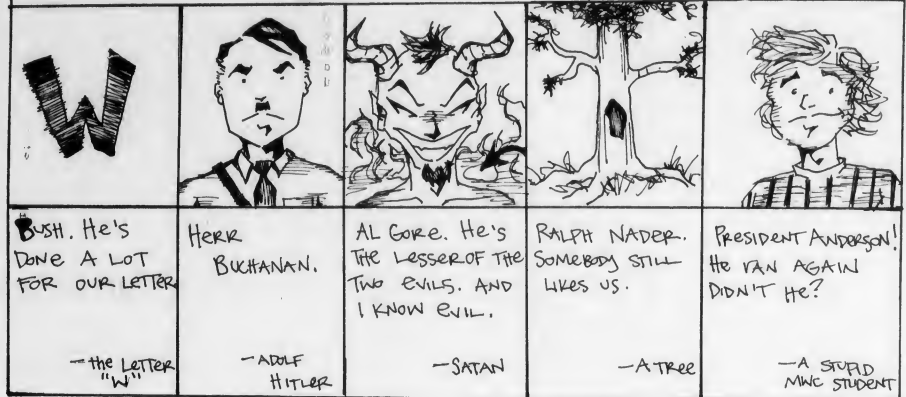
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## FAST FACT:

Just a reminder that Skid Row is no longer fronted by Sebastian Bach. Snake is still with the band to help them keep their credibility in the scene.

## WHO DO YOU THINK REALLY WON THE ELECTION?

Cartoon By  
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## Asian Student Association Criticizes Bullet Coverage

JOSEPH DAVID  
Guest Columnist

The Asian Student Association (ASA) would like to thank the students and faculty of Mary Washington College for their participation in Asian Cultural Week. The successful turnout we received for the week's events was greatly appreciated. We sincerely hope that those who attended the events found them to be entertaining and fulfilling.

We would like to respond to the Nov. 9 article "Campus Gets A Taste of Asia." While the exposure given to our events is appreciated, we feel that the article depicted an inaccurate representation of the ASA and the purpose of Asian Cultural Week.

The goal of Asian Cultural Week, like all of the cultural events that occur throughout the year, is to expose the campus to the different traditions and backgrounds that our students and faculty come from. The intention of these events is to bring our community together, celebrate the uniqueness of our cultural heritages and acknowledge the underlying similarities we all share.

Through these events, we foster a better understanding of the individuals in our community, which in turn creates a better respect for our individual differences. That being said, the article written last week seemed to emphasize

problems that events like Asian Cultural Week try to remedy.

The article seemed to focus on the sentiment that "non-minority" students do not feel particularly welcome at cultural events. The quotes used in the article supported an opinion that there is a sense of not being welcome that our organization and those like it give out to the student body.

**Non-Asian members of the student body do feel welcome in our organization. Despite what the article may have led readers to believe, our student body is more open-minded than given credit for.**

Joseph David

community show that the students at Mary Washington College are in fact very willing to attend cultural events. If the author of the article had taken the time to ask the opinions of students who actually attended our events, she would have

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## Language Requirement Dodgers Are Just Lazy

TOM RATLIFF,  
ANDY CRAVER and  
ANDY WARD  
Guest Columnists

David Marshall, in his Nov. 9 guest column, "Resistance to Language Requirements Emerges," does nothing more than display a certain aggravating brand of youthful, ethnocentric ignorance. An English major, Mr. Marshall is obviously so passionate in his studies of that discipline that he simply has no time to consider the linguistic merits of 80 percent of the world's population. He carries his insular views regarding the worth of foreign language into Mary Washington College, which we would like to remind him, is an institution of higher learning, and a state-funded liberal arts college that exceeds normal standards.

The language requirements at Mary Washington College are a set standard, which, in a regularly updated form, have existed for many years prior to Marshall's application to this school a mere two years ago. He could easily have chosen to go elsewhere (possibly a community college) if he, in his infinite wisdom, did not approve of the general education program at this school. He did not. He is here now, and is just as susceptible to the rules and regulations as everyone else. If he was not aware of the language requirements, he had no business

coming here in the first place.

Marshall prattles on about various parties who have qualms with the system, but in this we suggest he is pandering to the lowest common denominator, the lazy, the apathetic, the unmotivated, the closed-minded, and the provincial — those who simply lack the interest to become immersed in and use a foreign language.

Marshall queries, "[Language professors] are in favor of language requirements, but have they truly thought the matter through?"

Something tells us that all the language professors at this school have deeply considered the situation with regards to extensive knowledge of the language they teach as well as their pupils—including those like David Marshall.

He also expresses concern for the parents who grow "physically nauseated" over the current situation. We suggest their sickness comes more as a result of their children's ceaseless whining rather than the bargain cost of a quality education ("1st in Virginia, 12th in the nation").

Now let's get down to brass tacks. What does it matter if a collection of sipping underclassmen senses the general education system? No one, or at least the rare minority, is completely happy with all the requirements that are in this school's curriculum. Some people

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pondering What The Bible Says About Sexuality

Editor:

After Reading the article "A Little Acceptance Needed on Both sides of the CCC," in the Nov. 2 edition of The Bullet, I found myself battling feelings of anger and amazement, but most of all, I was deeply offended. There are several reasons for this.

The first is the blatant misquotation of the Holy Bible. The very first of these Genesis 13:13, does not say anything about homosexuality. In actuality, this verse is found at the end of an agreement where Abraham and Lot come to terms over land, which they choose to share, instead of fight over. After looking up another reference made, this time from Genesis 19:4-5, I found, again that the verse had nothing to do with homosexuality.

Now, to the author's defense there are sections in the Bible which proclaim homosexuality to be "an abomination,"

However, the Bible also says it is fine to sell your first born daughter to slavery. So if we are going by the Bible word for word, why is selling a daughter into slavery no longer accepted? It's in the Bible! It must be right! Thankfully, this is no longer accepted. People decided this was not such a good thing to be doing. But, if the idea of slavery has changed who is to say that anything else has not? Or is it simply that the Bible is only flexible on topics in which we are in agreement over and comfortable with?

I am not trying to go against the words of the Bible. I am just trying to point out that there are things, which require a little thinking on our parts, and not simply blind following.

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Semester examinations mean many things to many people, but to almost everyone they mean long nights spent reading and reviewing course material while attempting to avoid the progressive head drooping that everyone chuckles about when Father Sleep strikes some poor unsuspecting sap in class.

The thing many people don't realize is that for numerous students, sleeplessness is more than just a finals week specialty; it's a lifestyle.

Dana Boehmcke, a junior, said there just isn't enough time in the day.

"For one reason or another, there never seem to be enough hours in the day to do all I want to do," Boehmcke said. "Sleep is a precious commodity to me, I find that if I don't get at least six hours, I just don't function."

## Scary Statistics

We sacrifice sleep to meet the demands of our endless days. Back in the 1800s, before Edison's light bulb, the typical American logged 10 hours of sleep each night, according to sleep researcher James B. Maas, professor of psychology at Cornell University's College of Arts and Sciences. Today the average American gets seven of sleep a night.

The problem is, this behavior affects us in ways we don't even realize. In fact, some doctors consider getting enough rest to be the most important factor in maintaining good health and life longevity, even more important than diet and exercise.

Many people remain ignorant of the host of potential side effects from sleep deprivation. For example, lack of rest can be a major factor in furthering (shudder) male impotence.

A 1989 Harvard Medical School study found that well-rested people were almost half as likely to contract common colds as were their un-rested counterparts.

Despite these concerns, many people are clueless because doctors often regard sleep deprivation as a fact of life and do little to promote sleep health or awareness, according to the American Sleep Research Institute. Meanwhile, the physical, emotional and psychological costs of our unhealthy sleep life continue to mount, largely without mention.

Senior Mark Carnahan understands his predicament, but also recognizes it as a trade-off. "I know I'm sleep deprived and that's due mainly to my desire to enjoy college life while dealing with the stresses and responsibilities of classes," Carnahan said.

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# Don't Sweat The Small Stuff

By KAREN BAER

*Editor's Note: The following is a former student's account of her first days in Bawdlorens, Haiti. Karen Baer, who graduated last spring, will work as an environmental concerns promoter in a rural Haitian community for the next three years. She is part of the Mennonite Central Committee staff, an organization committed to working with community members and helping them with various needs. Baer was featured in a previous Bulletin article on Sept. 7, 2000.*

I just arrived in Port-au-Prince after a nine and one-half hour drive from Bawdlorens. I'm wondering what it would feel like to ride in a vehicle on a smooth road again. The trip is approximately 100 miles, and fulfilled with lots of mud, holes, mud, ditches and mud. Today we actually saw a family of ducks swimming in a hole in the road.

Another highlight of the trip was getting hit by a larger truck—the driver did not stop—that took out our left rear light, and left a nice dent, but nothing serious. The driver, another Mennonite Central Committee staff member, who has lived here for seven years said, "Oh, it's not too bad, I'm not stopping."

I moved into my new house in very isolated Bawdlorens several weeks ago after the same long drive. Upon entering the small, tucked away village, my first thought was, "What have I gotten myself into?"

After living in Port-au-Prince, a city of over 1 million, for a few weeks, and Dezam, a populated rural area, moving to Bawdlorens was a shock. Last I heard, Bawdlorens has about 2,000 people, but houses are a little more spread out, so there seem to be fewer people.

My house is down a small dirt road surrounded by

banana plants. It's a Haitian-style house that we rent from a man in the village. It has a small front porch, a main room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a small dining area.

The floor is cement, though, which few people have in our village. Most houses have dirt floors. The tin roof is especially nice during rains, especially when falling asleep at night. We have a small garden out the back door where we have a few tomato plants, quail grass, green beans radishes, and other plants.

Our house is simple but does have some nice amenities, like a small gas stove and a small refrigerator. We have a few lights in the house powered by solar panels, but can only have two on at a time.

Often we use kerosene lamps in our bedroom, dining room and other rooms. Our only form of communication is a radio system to talk to the main office in Port-au-Prince, but often it's difficult to understand, so the conversations are kept to a minimum, and mostly business.

Due to Bawdlorens' elevation of over 800 meters, weather at night is great, and often cool enough for long sleeves. I think of the leaves in the states changing soon, though, as we still enjoy days with temperatures in the high 80s to low 90s.

These last three weeks that I've been in Bawdlorens have been a blur. I'm not exactly sure where all the time has gone, but I am enjoying myself. There are times when I really miss home, being surrounded by family and friends who really know me.

It's very true that you become a baby after moving to a new country. Everything is new; it's hard to know all of

the time what is culturally appropriate, speech is limited, and I constantly think. I think when I talk, I think when I listen, and because I seem to get more tired here, I sleep up to nine or so hours and am up at 6 a.m.

Emotionally, I am doing fine, although living here has proved itself to be difficult sometimes, although still exciting. It's difficult to see so many poor people, and so many kids whose hair is tinged with red due to malnutrition.

The other week I went with Jean, my co-worker and a registered nurse, to visit a woman named Julia who was

child. She had the baby a little over a week ago, but the baby was unhealthy since birth. The father of the newborn came to our house to see if we could drive the baby to Pignon hospital, which is three hours away by car. Jean planned to leave the next morning to take the unnamed baby girl to Pignon.

Two hours later that same evening, the father returned to our house. Jean went outside to speak with him, only to come back in the house to search for a baby-sized cardboard box. The baby had died unexpectedly. It's hard to witness the day to day realities of Bawdlorens.

After being in Bawdlorens, and coming back to Port-au-Prince, the people of Port-au-Prince appear rich and definitely healthier. In general, the people are bigger, have more teeth and have fewer holes in their clothing.

When I first arrived at Port-au-Prince, I thought the people here seemed poor. I'm amazed how perspectives change, and how relative all things are. One of the things I fear is becoming desensitized to what I've seen.

Right now we are in the middle of a relief project. The Mennonite Central Committee paid for 21.1 tons of bean seed to be given out to families in Bawdlorens and surrounding zones due to lack of rain. This season has been the worst in over 40 years according to people in our area.

Because of Bawdlorens' isolated location and poor roads, many drivers were unwilling to attempt to transport the beans here. Delay after delay has caused the beans to arrive two weeks late, and due to an increase in gas prices of about 50 percent, the price of the transport increased as well.

It's exciting to watch the existing organizations take responsibility and initiative and help out their neighbors while we try to assume the roles of consultants and assistants.

We do a lot of walking here. I'm thinking of making my own exercise video (which basically would just show me walking all over the country side-on't need those legs of steel videos anymore, that's for sure!)

Being that I live in the mountains, it takes a long time to get anywhere. We walk up to three hours away, one way, and in my short three weeks in Bawdlorens, I have gone on several 'walks' for meetings and such.

Right now, I am just trying to get adjusted to living here. I am meeting a lot of people who do a great job remembering my name, but I have a horrible time remembering theirs! I try to go to my language teacher during the week; she's more like a conversationalist because we just talk.

The people in Bawdlorens are extremely welcoming. Everyone I meet is always very happy to meet me, and that really helps with living here. Life is definitely a challenge here, but I find it exciting and

## You Know You Are In Bawdlorens, Haiti When...

1. You take cold showers outside. Warm showers with pressure is a reason to throw a party.
2. You can have fresh squeezed juice each morning made with local fruits.
3. You go to the bathroom and are pleasantly surprised because there are only 20 or so bugs.
4. You've become accustomed to brushing your teeth outside.
5. One hour walks seem short.
6. On visits to Port-au-Prince, you forget to try to turn on the lights (electricity only works 4 or 5 hours out of a 24 hour day in Bawdlorens).
7. Toilet paper is used as fancy decoration (not as much in bathrooms).
8. Church services are usually at least three to four hours long.
9. You can walk into a house and read pages from newspapers or magazines on walls (they use it for wallpaper).
10. If someone has a cement floor, they are rich. Most people have dirt floors.
11. Your feet are always a nice shade of brown due to dust and mud.
12. Peeing by the side of the road is no big deal, and necessary on those 10 hour drives!
13. When a truck comes into town, everyone runs to see who it is.
14. When you go for a hike, you slip on your hiking boots and skirt.
15. Sweeping your yard is a common, everyday chore.
16. You receive a live chicken as a gift.
17. Bedtime becomes 9 p.m.—9:30 is really pushing it.
18. Laundry is washed in the river by hand.
19. If you get to make one phone call every couple of months, that's great. If you get mail more than twice a month, that's exceptional.
20. You didn't know the Olympics started, have no clue if they are done, who participated, who won...what are the Olympics?
21. You have friends who have never seen contact lenses before, and are completely fascinated by them.
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## Sleep, It Does A Body Good

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We, as college students, are in unique danger.

In 1997, The National Institutes of Health officially identified adolescents and young adults as high risk for problem sleepiness based on "evidence that the prevalence of problem sleepiness is high and increasing with particularly serious consequences."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that "young drivers age 25 or under are involved in more than one-half of fall-asleep crashes."

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### Nap Time

Doctors, say the American Sleep Research Institute, suggest eight hours of regular sleep daily. Senior Melissa Slack does not get the recommended dosage.

"On average I get about six or so hours of sleep a night, depending on school work or going out," Slack said. "Usually my lack of sleep has to do with going out more often than with school."

Stanford University Professor William Dement linked studying difficulties, diminished productivity, tendency to make mistakes, irritability and fatigue to sleep deprivation.

When getting those eight hours of sleep is impossible, the next best thing is a nap.

Apparently college students are catching on. More than 80 percent of undergraduate students are smart enough to take a nap and help restore their mental and physical powers, according to a survey of 802 Cornell University psychology students in 1997.

According to scientists, the "ideal nap" is taken before 3 p.m. and should be kept to less than an hour. In his book, "The Art of Napping," William Anthony argues that the most effective naps are 20 to 30 minutes. In those rare instances where naps won't do the trick, moderate doses of stimulants such as No-Doz might help.

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Why are so many students sleepless? Perhaps the answer lies in challenging courses, a demanding social environment, procrastination, or maybe some combination of these factors. But the overwhelming sentiment seems to be that quite a few people choose to live a sleep-deprived life.

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Dubin felt the same way. "I can't imagine someone buying this fat sculpture," he said. "I mean I don't want to sell it because I realize I've spent about 8 months working on it and I'm still finding things I want to work on."

The artists' work will range in price from \$50 to \$500. Taylor explained that they were required to draw up a price list and determine insurance values for their work. The decision was based on the cost of supplies, framing (when appropriate) and an hourly wage of about \$10 to \$12 per hour.

When they chose to attend Mary Washington College, Wendy Padgett and Peter Dubin did not come with art in mind as a major. But they were soon drawn into it. Padgett's specialty is sculpture, while Dubin has focused on sculpture and Taylor on two-dimensional design and drawing pieces.

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"I was involved with art a little bit during high school," he said. "But after taking 3-D design [at Mary Washington College], I decided to stick with it as a major."

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In the two years I've spent as a student here, I've discovered countless truths about college students, but chief among them is the observation that we, as college students, clearly have the worst sleeping habits known to humankind. Nowhere else are under-eye circles as common as America's campuses, and nowhere else will you hear the unnerving piercing of alarm clocks 24 hours a day.

I knew things had gone from bad to worse here at Mary Washington College several weeks ago when one weekday afternoon I ran, towed and soaked wet, out of the shower and into my Willard Hall hallway having heard a fire alarm only to discover that the frightening shrill was the sickening harmony of alarm clocks in three nearby rooms, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The ironic thing is that the aforementioned incident occurred in the middle of the semester, and one can't write a story about sleep deprivation without first paying homage to the semester ritual known reverently to some as "Finals Week."

Semester examinations mean many things to many people, but to almost everyone they mean long nights spent reading and reviewing course material while attempting to avoid the progressive head drooping that everyone chuckles about when Father Sleep strikes some poor unsuspecting sap in class.

The thing many people don't realize is that for numerous students, sleeplessness is more than just a finals week specialty; it's a lifestyle.

Dana Boehmcke, a junior, said there just isn't enough time in the day.

"For one reason or another, there never seem to be enough hours in the day to do all I want to do," Boehmcke said. "Sleep is a precious commodity to me, I find that if I don't get at least six hours, I just don't function."

Scarcity Statistics

We sacrifice sleep to meet the demands of our endless days. Back in the 1800s, before Edison's light bulb, the typical American logged 10 hours of sleep each night, according to sleep researcher James B. Maas, professor of psychology at Cornell University's College of Arts and Sciences. Today the average American gets seven of sleep a night.

The problem is, this behavior affects us in ways we don't even realize. In fact, some doctors consider getting enough rest to be the most important factor in maintaining good health and life longevity, even more important than diet and exercise.

Many people remain ignorant of the host of potential side effects from sleep deprivation. For example, lack of rest can be a major factor in furthering (shudder) male impotence.

A 1989 Harvard Medical School study found that well-rested people were almost half as likely to contract common colds as were their un-rested counterparts.

Despite these concerns, many people are clueless because doctors often regard sleep deprivation as a fact of life and do little to promote sleep health or awareness, according to the American Sleep Research Institute. Meanwhile, the physical, emotional and psychological costs of our unhealthy sleep life continue to mount, largely without mention.

Senior Mark Carnahan understands his predicament, but also recognizes it as a trade-off. "I know I'm sleep deprived and that's due mainly to my desire to enjoy college life while dealing with the stresses and responsibilities of classes," Carnahan said.

"Sleep is a precious commodity to me, I find that if I don't get at least six hours, I just don't function."

Dana Boehmcke

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## Senior Art Show

When: Nov. 17, 2000 - Dec. 1, 2000  
Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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Where: duPont Gallery, duPont Hall at Mary Washington College

Who: Wendy Padgett, Peter Dubin, Caroline Taylor

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# Don't Sweat The Small Stuff

By KAREN BAER

*Editor's Note: The following is a former student's account of her first days in Bawdlorens, Haiti. Karen Baer, who graduated last spring, will work as an environmental concerns promoter in a rural Haitian community for the next three years. She is part of the Mennonite Central Committee staff, an organization committed to working with community members and helping them with various needs. Baer was featured in a previous Bulletin article on Sept. 7, 2000.*

I just arrived in Port-au-Prince after a nine and one-half hour drive from Bawdlorens. I'm wondering what it would feel like to ride in a vehicle on a smooth road again. The trip is approximately 100 miles, and unfilled with lots of mud, holes, mud, ditches and mud. Today we actually saw a family of ducks swimming in a hole in the road.

Another highlight of the trip was getting hit by a larger truck—the driver did not stop—that took out our left rear light, and left a nice dent, but nothing serious. The driver, another Mennonite Central Committee staff member, who has lived here for seven years said, "Oh, it's not too bad, I'm not stopping."

I moved into my new house in very isolated Bawdlorens several weeks ago after the same long drive. Upon entering the small, tucked away village, my first thought was, "What have I gotten myself into?"

After living in Port-au-Prince, a city of over 1 million, for a few weeks, and Dazam, a populated rural area, moving to Bawdlorens was a shock. Last I heard, Bawdlorens has about 2,000 people, but houses are a little more spread out, so there seem to be fewer people.

My house is down a small dirt road surrounded by

banana plants. It's a Haitian-style house that we rent from a man in the village. It has a small front porch, a main room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a small dining area.

The floor is cement, though, which few people have in our village. Most houses have dirt floors. The tin roof is especially nice during rains, especially when falling asleep at night. We have a small garden out the back door where we have a few tomato plants, quail grass, green beans radishes, and other plants.

Our house is simple but does have some nice amenities, like a small gas stove and a small refrigerator. We have a few lights in the house powered by solar panels, but can only have two on at a time.

Often we use kerosene lamps in our bedroom, dining room and other rooms. Our only form of communication is a radio system to talk to the main office in Port-au-Prince, but often it's difficult to understand, so the conversations are kept to a minimum, and mostly business.

Due to Bawdlorens' elevation of over 800 meters, weather at night is great, and often cool enough for long sleeves. I think of the leaves in the states changing soon, though, as we still enjoy days with temperatures in the high 80s to low 90s.

These last three weeks that I've been in Bawdlorens have been a blur. I'm not exactly sure where all the time has gone, but I am enjoying myself. There are times when I really miss home, being surrounded by family and friends who really know me.

It's very true that you become a baby after moving to a new country. Everything is new; it's hard to know all of

**"Today we actually saw a family of ducks swimming in a hole in the road."**

Karen Baer

child. She had the baby a little over a week ago, but the baby was unhealthy since birth. The father of the newborn came to our house to see if we could drive the baby to Pignon hospital, which is three hours away by car. Jean planned to leave the next morning to take the unnamed baby girl to Pignon.

Two hours later that same evening, the father returned to our house. Jean went outside to speak with him, only to come back in the house to search for a baby-sized cardboard box. The baby had died unexpectedly. It's hard to realize the day to day realities of Bawdlorens.

After being in Bawdlorens, and coming back to Port-au-Prince, the people of Port-au-Prince appear rich and definitely healthier. In general, the people are bigger, have more teeth and have fewer holes in their clothing.

When I first arrived at Port-au-Prince, I thought the people here seemed poor. I'm changing how perspectives change, and how relative all things are. One of the things I fear is becoming desensitized to what I've seen.

Right now we are in the middle of a relief project. The Mennonite Central Committee paid for 21.1 tons of bean seed to be given out to families in Bawdlorens and surrounding zones due to lack of rain. This season has been the worst in over 40 years according to people in our area.

Because of Bawdlorens' isolated location and poor roads, many drivers were unwilling to attempt to transport the beans here. Delay after delay has caused the beans to arrive two weeks late, and due to an increase in gas prices of about 50 percent, the price of the transport increased as well.

It's exciting to watch the existing organizations take responsibility and initiative and help out their neighbors while we try to assume the roles of consultants and assistants.

We do a lot of walking here. I'm thinking of making my own exercise video (which basically would just show me walking all over the country side—don't need those legs of steel videos anymore, that's for sure!).

Being that I live in the mountains, it takes a long time to get anywhere. We walk up to three hours away, one way, and in my short three weeks in Bawdlorens, I have gone on several "walks" for meetings and such.

Right now, I am just trying to get adjusted to living here. I am meeting a lot of people who do a great job remembering my name, but I have a horrible time remembering theirs! I try to go to my language teacher during the week; she's more like a conversationalist because we just talk.

The people in Bawdlorens are extremely welcoming. Everyone I meet is always very happy to meet me, and that really helps with living here. Life is definitely a challenge here, but I find it exciting and

## You Know You Are In Bawdlorens, Haiti When...

1. You take cold showers outside. Warm showers with pressure is a reason to throw a party.
2. You can have fresh squeezed juice each morning made with local fruits.
3. You go to the bathroom and are pleasantly surprised because there are only 20 or so bugs.
4. You've become accustomed to brushing your teeth outside.
5. One hour walks seem short.
6. On visits to Port-au-Prince, you forget to try to turn on the lights (electricity only works 4 or 5 hours out of a 24 hour day in Bawdlorens).
7. Toilet paper is used as fancy decoration (not as much in bathrooms).
8. Church services are usually at least three to four hours long.
9. You can walk into a house and read pages from newspapers or magazines on walls (they use it for wallpaper).
10. If someone has a cement floor, they are rich. Most people have dirt floors.
11. Your feet are always a nice shade of brown due to dust and mud.
12. Peeing by the side of the road is no big deal, and necessary on those 10 hour drives!
13. When a truck comes into town, everyone runs to see who it is.
14. When you go for a hike, you slip on your hiking boots and skirt.
15. Sweeping your yard is a common, everyday chore.
16. You receive a live chicken as a gift.
17. Bedtime becomes 9 p.m.—9:30 is really pushing it.
18. Laundry is washed in the river by hand.
19. If you get to make one phone call every couple of months, that's great. If you get mail more than twice a month, that's exceptional.
20. You didn't know the Olympics started, have no clue if they are done, who participated, who won...what are the Olympics?
21. You have friends who have never seen contact lenses before, and are completely fascinated by them.
22. A car with only 5 people seems empty.

## Serving in Haiti Karen Baer



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## Sleep, It Does A Body Good

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We, as college students, are in unique danger.

In 1997, The National Institutes of Health officially identified adolescents and young adults as high risk for problem sleepiness based on "evidence that the prevalence of problem sleepiness is high and increasing with particularly serious consequences."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that "young drivers age 25 or under are involved in more than one-half of fall-asleep crashes."

The situation gets even gloomier when you add alcohol to the equation. According to Maas, the Cornell sleep researcher, a person who consumes one beer on five to six hours of sleep is just as impaired as an eight-hour sleeper who drinks a six-pack. It also doesn't help that alcohol makes you tired.

### Nap Time

Doctors, say the American Sleep Research Institute, suggest eight hours of regular sleep daily. Senior Melissa Slack does not get the recommended dosage.

"On average I get about six or so hours of sleep a night, depending on school work or going out," Slack said. "Usually my lack of sleep has to do with going out more often than with school."

Stanford University Professor William Dement linked studying difficulties, diminished productivity, tendency to make mistakes, irritability and fatigue to sleep deprivation.

When getting those eight hours of sleep is impossible, the next best thing is a nap.

Apparently college students are catching on. More than 80 percent of undergraduate students are smart enough to take a nap and help restore their mental and physical powers, according to a survey of 802 Cornell University psychology students in 1997.

According to scientists, the "ideal nap" is taken before 3 p.m. and should be kept to less than an hour. In his book, "The Art of Napping," William Anthony argues that the most effective naps are 20 to 30 minutes. In those rare instances where naps won't do the trick, moderate doses of stimulants such as No-Doz might help.

On the other hand, maybe one should just bear it like junior Chrissy Wample.

"I think that it is a part of college life you just have to deal with especially if you procrastinate," she said.

Why are so many students sleepless? Perhaps the answer lies in challenging courses, a demanding social environment, procrastination, or maybe some combination of these factors. But the overwhelming sentiment seems to be that quite a few people choose to live a sleep-deprived life.

Consider also that students go nuts this time of year. The best parties usually happen during the end of the semester. Students are already dazed before the music kicks in! Did you ever hear of a wild college party during the summer? Of course not, because everyone is well rested and back to normal. I once heard someone suggest that perhaps we don't want to encourage too much sleep deprivation research—we risk the chance that a cure might be found to erase the effects, thus bringing campuses back to "normal." I tend to agree!

## This is your body.

Day 1...



Day 3...



Day 5...



**This is your body without sleep.**  
**Any questions?**

# Sports

the latest athletic news and information

## schedules

### Men's Swimming

Nov. 17: vs. Johns Hopkins  
Nov. 18: vs. St. Mary's College  
Dec. 01: at Franklin Marshal

### Women's Swimming

Nov. 17: vs. Johns Hopkins  
Nov. 18: vs. St. Mary's College  
Dec. 01: at Franklin Marshal

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 17: vs. Capital College  
Nov. 19: vs. Delaware Valley College  
Nov. 21: at Christendom College  
Nov. 28: at Christopher Newport  
Nov. 30: at Goucher  
Dec. 05: vs. Salisbury State

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 17: at Rowan's Tip-off Tournament  
Nov. 18: at Rowan's Tip-off Tournament  
Nov. 21: vs. Frostburg  
Nov. 27: vs. Randolph Macon  
Nov. 28: at Christopher Newport  
Nov. 30: at Goucher  
Dec. 05: vs. Bridgewater

## scores

### Men's Swimming

Oct. 28: at Salisbury W 1-0  
Nov. 03: at Catholic L 1-1  
Nov. 04: at York W 2-1  
Nov. 04: Goucher W 3-1  
Nov. 10: Virginia Military W 4-1

### Womens Swimming

Oct. 28: at Salisbury W 1-0  
Nov. 3: at Catholic W 2-0  
Nov. 4: vs. York W 3-0  
Nov. 4: Goucher W 4-0



Matt Levangle and the Eagles look for a run to success.

## athlete of the week

### Ralph Nader

He didn't win the presidency nor did he get 5 percent of the vote. We think this will be a good consolation prize!

# Georgia Bulldogs

## Crew Teams Return From South Highly Accomplished And Experienced

By CAROLYN MURRAY  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Alex West is still recovering from Saturday, and it's not for the reason you might think. He was one of the 40 dedicated athletes who traveled to Savannah, Ga., on Nov. 10 to participate in the crew team's second and final regatta of the fall season.

"I rowed really, really well. It was a great day," West said.

The crew team blew their competition out of the water Nov. 11 when they raced past Division I schools to take first place in three events. The novice women's eight, women's championship four and men's novice single all earned gold medals at the regatta. The categories refer to the level of experience.

The women's championship eight fought for second place, being only 10 seconds behind the first-place University of Central Florida. The women's lightweight eight, club eight and novice single came home with third place.

The regatta was comprised entirely of head racing, a type of rowing in which boats race single-file down a five kilometer course. MWC entered 19 events, requiring most of the team to row multiple times during the day.

Junior Katie Dolph rowed in two

medal-winning races, the novice single and the championship eight.

"The events were spaced out, so it wasn't too bad. I ended up rowing 18 miles or so," she said.

Senior Joe Petrick put in an excruciating 24 miles over four events, according to Coach Brad Holdren. Petrick rowed longer than anyone else on the team and managed to win the men's novice single.

Dolph, who rowed in the women's novice single, said she believes the most challenging aspect of rowing is having to watch the course behind her.

"You have to keep everything under control," she said.

Freshmen Karen Moonan won medals in three events. Holdren highlighted her hard work, but emphasized that crew is about the group more than the individual.

"It's tough to single someone out in rowing. You don't have a superstar to lift the boat to the next level. It's a team effort," Holdren said.

Moonan believes the team helped each other all day.

"We were all focused and all together. It really added school spirit," Moonan said.

However, the day did have a disappointment. The women's lightweight eight received time penalties.

"The refs were calling random



Senior Joe Petrick, a member of the crew team, carries his boat.

fouls all day," Dolph said.

If the team had not been penalized, they would have won first place. However, the women know that their time beat University of Central Florida's, the team that won the race.

"We did time well enough to beat them. It's too bad, but we laughed it off," Holdren said.

Overall, the men and women's teams were pleased with the end of the fall season. They entered 19 events and would have had to win all of them in order to earn the points trophy.

"It was just awesome, a season of no regrets," Dolph said.

"We tried to enter too many things for the number of people we brought. I was greedy," Holdren said.

The regatta gave MWC a taste of the competition, and they are ready for their spring season.

"We will meet up with UCF at important meets," Holdren said. "This regatta was a chance to see how we stack up."

# On The Road Again

By KURT THURBER  
Sports Editor

The baseball team won seven of eight scrimmages this fall, which was business as usual for Head Coach Tom Sheridan, who has compiled a 276-119-1 record since erecting the baseball program in 1988. However, during the prior spring semester, Sheridan had stepped away from his head coaching responsibilities for personal reasons.

"It is not anybody's business if you are sick," said Sheridan, who did not want to digress into the detailed nature of his illness.

Sheridan decided he could not physically handle his on-field duties during last year's baseball season. Assistant coach and former player Josh Mosser took over the head coaching reins, with Sheridan coaching his last game on March 11. Assistant Coach Josh Mosser was unavailable for comment.

The Eagles finished 20-13 overall losing to Salisbury State in the Capital Athletic Conference finals. Sheridan sat down with Athletic Director Ed Hegmann in May and decided he wanted to resume running the baseball program at MWC. This season Mosser will resume his post as assistant coach.

"[Sheridan] was exhausted physically and mentally," Hegmann said. "The doctor told him he needed to back off. Anything you have an incident you can read into it."

Sheridan, like other athletic coaches at MWC, has responsibilities other than guiding his team, and his health concerns were not drastic enough for him to completely withdraw from MWC.

"I did not miss a day of work," said Sheridan, who is also an assistant athletic director. "I was not on the field but I did more recruiting, saw more games, administration duties, teaching; my time-off was not a vacation."

Sheridan's excellence on the field is respected both here at MWC and around the CAC.

"Coach Sheridan is one of the most successful coaches we have had here," Hegmann said. "Also one of the most active and successful recruiters. He always has

a significant number of candidates for the team."

Lew Jenkins, the head coach at St. Mary's College of Maryland for the past six seasons, feels that MWC is very lucky to have Sheridan and said his record speaks for itself.

"He is very well organized and dedicated," Jenkins said. "Conference games with him are always tough."

Sheridan feels that because of the MWC baseball program tradition of success, his absence should not have an affect on the field performance.

"The way the program is set-up, whether I am here or not, the group of people here should work hard," said Sheridan, who came to MWC after serving as an assistant coach at James Madison University. "[Mosser] did a really good job filling in last year. It is different being an assistant and having a specific duty to fulfill then being the head coach and having to be in charge of all the details."

However, his time spent away from the baseball diamond has given Sheridan the opportunity to enjoy other facets of his life.

"I have gained a new perspective. The most important thing for anybody is your health," said Sheridan, who was named Virginia State Division College Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1998. "My wife and daughter are most important. The best thing that happened was I was able to see the world through the eyes of my four-year-old daughter, and baseball is very insignificant in those terms."

The baseball team has had a productive fall season under Sheridan's tutelage, as Sheridan has rediscovered his flare for coaching.

"[This fall] has been really fun," Sheridan, who has captured six CAC titles in his tenure at MWC, said. "The guys have been working really hard. Their success should be what the story is about."

The team is also looking for a fresh start going into the spring 2001 season and letting their record define their season.

"The team has a different outlook this year," said Ryan Napolitano, a second year senior player and outfielder. "He is the boss and we do what he says. He seems more relaxed. We keep winning and it is business as usual."

## FAST FACT:

While running for governor of Florida in 1994, Jeb Bush was asked what he would do for minorities if elected. Jeb responded, "Probably nothing." He lost the election but won four years later.

# Giddy Up!

## Riding Team Looks For Respect On

### Campus

By MICHELE TARTALIO  
Staff Writer

Less than five miles from campus, at Hazelwild Farm, the Mary Washington College riding team prepares for another rigorous season under the tutelage of Coach Kathy Danielson, who graduated from MWC in 1988.

"The team is looking pretty strong this year," junior Michelle Powell said. "I think we should be able to pull off winning regionals again."

Two weeks ago the Eagles had a show at the University of Richmond, where they won the 2000 Region One Championship.

Most residents on campus do not know the riding team's steady stream of accomplishments each season. Each show combines divisions for beginners in Walk-Trot classes through Open Division's for the most experienced riders. Teammates of all different levels must compete and each class's results count toward the final total, where the judges award the championship team.

"Working together and functioning as a whole is vital to the success of the team," senior Jean Field Turner said. "Each rider's performance has an important impact on our placing for the competition."

In most sports, coaches emphasize practice, practice, practice, and this also is true in preparation of a horse show. However, there are many obstacles on the day of the competition that can destroy a participant's sense of routine. For example, riders cannot ride their own horses or the horses from their own barn; they must ride horses from the host school of the competition.

In addition, they are not allowed to use their own personal saddles and bridles but must be given them on the day of the show. While skill is obviously very important in competitions, the uncertainty of each competition is an added challenge to make shows even more exciting.

Horseback riding is different from most collegiate competitions because it is truly an inclusive sport for beginners. These riders fully contribute to the teams final score for the day, whereas beginners in most other sports are unable to even try out for the team.

"Everyone has been very supportive," senior Shari Wilcox said. "It has really brought our team together."

Despite the fact that there are no more shows this semester, the Mary Washington Riding Team is still practicing for its next show in February. Danielson said that since she joined the team two years ago, the overall performance of the team has been improving.



MWC Riders Leap many obstacles...



...on and off their horses.

# A Few Strides Off

## Cross Country Teams Plummet

### In NCAA Regional Competition

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH  
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the many debilitating injuries throughout the fall, the women's and men's cross country teams finished with successful seasons after placing third and ninth respectively in the NCAA Regional Competition.

Even though this region stretches from Virginia to Texas to Florida, only the top team advances. No MWC team has advanced to the National Meet since 1990, although both teams placed second last year.

"I think overall as a team, we all worked as hard as we could. It just so had it that it wasn't our time [to get to the national meet]," sophomore Jessica Edberg said.

The women's team earned third place of 24 teams with 135 points, 79 points behind first place Emory University. Edberg led the Eagles placed 16th and earning All-Region honors with 19:09 in the five-kilometer race. Senior Teresa Joerger (19:37), freshman Maggie Marriott (19:38), junior Dana Foltz (19:51), senior Natalie Alexander (20:04), sophomore Stephanie Jenkins (20:26), and sophomore Rebecca Griffith (20:43) rounded out the Eagle's top seven runners.

"Maybe if we had complete health and fewer injuries, we could have advanced to Nationals," Edberg said.

Head Coach Stan Soper was pleased with this meet, even though the team did not advance.

"The women probably ran their best race of the season overall," Soper said.

The men fell to ninth this year with 240 points,

missing eighth place by one point, MWC was well out of the range of qualifying for nationals, being 188 points behind the first place team. Despite the loss, several players ran well for the Eagles.

"We went in there hampered by injuries, but some of the men ran their best race of the season," Soper said.

Freshman Erich Heckel was one of those who ran well, lacing first on the team with a 26:39 over five miles also making the All-Region squad. Juniors Travis Jones (26:54) and Jeremy Driver (27:36), sophomore Jamie Covino (27:49), freshman Andrew Puddister (28:48), and sophomore Dan Curran (28:55) composed the rest of the Eagles' squad.

"We knew going in that we weren't going to be nearly as strong as last year," Jones said. "I think we had a decent season. Looking back, it wasn't

disappointing, but it wasn't great."

This season had numerous highlights in spite of the problems with injuries.

The women's team placed second in two meets and first in three others, winning the Capital Athletic Conference championship and the Virginia State Championship along the way.

The men's team placed second in the CAC and third in the Virginia State Championship. No team or individual advances to nationals, but the Eagles enjoyed success throughout their season.

"I don't think we did achieve all that we're capable of," Soper said. "But I'm proud of this group."

**"I think we had a decent season. Looking back, it wasn't disappointing, but it wasn't great."**

**Travis Jones**

## Itching To Start The Season



Joel Nelson/Bullet

**Eric Vierow (left) and Paul Stoddard will lead the Eagles onto the court Nov. 17 against Capital College for their home opener. The team hosts Delaware Valley College Nov. 19 before traveling to Christendom College Nov. 21.**



Joel Nelson/Bullet

## Turkey For You, Turkey For Me?

Commentary by KURT THURBER  
Sports Editor

If there ever was a pissed-off holiday it must be Thanksgiving. Think about it, those silly pilgrims, they had no foresight, founding a "major holiday" between two of the cooler holidays out there—no not Arbor Day or my birthday—Halloween and Christmas.

Halloween gives every man, woman or child out there the erroneous excuse to dress up like Ronald McDonald. Then there is Christmas, which apparently we start celebrating right after Halloween or in July, whichever one comes first. Where are the crazy turkey tree decorations or the night we get to go from house to house collecting drumsticks and canned cranberry sauce? Sorry, that was Halloween in my neighborhood.

As a society, we are not appeasing the Thanksgiving gods. I mean, you think these omnipotent, cosmic beings are satisfied with a Dallas Cowboy's football game and John Madden's Turducken? The Thanksgiving gods want their own commercial spokesperson, and movies (the Steve Martin flick "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" is a step in the right direction).

Thanksgiving does not have any songs. The New Kids

On The Block never released a Thanksgiving album (I don't know why).

I think a great Thanksgiving "spokesperson" would be whoever loses the presidential election. George W. Bush is almost as smart as a turkey and when Al Gore talks, it might as well be gobble, gobble. It is going to be a bummer of a loss, but one of the two will have nothing to do for the next four years. The loser could be the conveyor of "thanks" to the United States (as in thanks for not electing me, America).

Why am I writing this? Because it is the week before Thanksgiving and there is not a plethora of MWC sporting events to cover (I know there is swimming). Still, I have plenty to be thankful for in the fall season. I am thankful for Ellen



Joel Nelson/Bullet

**Andre Lapar and the men's swimming beat VMI.**

Anderson who I could count on being in every other article. Thanks to Jessica Edberg and Travis Jones for doing their best Forrest Gump impressions for the cross-country team.

Thank you to the men's soccer team on executing and capitalizing on sublime scoring opportunities. Thanks Claire Van Tiel, the field hockey team captain, for letting me bother you for not scoring a goal (she sits in front of me in class). I will be thankful when the men's and women's basketball season comes into full swing to compliment the swimming. Besides, I wanted to make sure I was kosher with the Thanksgiving gods. I don't like my turkey dried out—do you?

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## schedules

### Men's Swimming

Nov. 17: vs. Johns Hopkins  
Nov. 18: vs. St. Mary's College  
Dec. 01: at Franklin Marshall

### Women's Swimming

Nov. 17: vs. Johns Hopkins  
Nov. 18: vs. St. Mary's College  
Dec. 01: at Franklin Marshall

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 17: vs. Capital College  
Nov. 19: vs. Delaware Valley College  
Nov. 21: at Christendom College  
Nov. 28: at Christopher Newport  
Nov. 30: at Goucher  
Dec. 05: vs. Salisbury State

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 17: at Rowan's Tip-off Tournament  
Nov. 18: at Rowan's Tip-off Tournament  
Nov. 21: vs. Frostburg  
Nov. 27: vs. Randolph Macon  
Nov. 28: at Christopher Newport  
Nov. 30: at Goucher  
Dec. 05: vs. Bridgewater

## scores

### Men's Swimming

Oct. 28: at Salisbury W 1-0  
Nov. 03: at Catholic L 1-1  
Nov. 04: at York W 2-1  
Nov. 04: Goucher W 3-1  
Nov. 10: Virginia Military W 4-1

### Womens Swimming

Oct. 28: at Salisbury W 1-0  
Nov. 3: at Catholic W 2-0  
Nov. 4: vs. York W 3-0  
Nov. 4: Goucher W 4-0



Matt Levangie and the Eagles look for a run to success.

## athlete of the week

Ralph Nader

He didn't win the presidency nor did he get 5 percent of the vote. We think this will be a good consolation prize!

# Georgia Bulldogs

## Crew Teams Return From South Highly Accomplished And Experienced

By CAROLYN MURRAY  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Alex West is still recovering from Saturday, and it's not for the reason you might think. He was one of the 40 dedicated athletes who traveled to Savannah, Ga., on Nov. 10 to participate in the crew team's second and final regatta of the fall season.

"I rowed really, really well. It was a great day," West said.

The crew team blew their competition out of the water Nov. 11 when they raced past Division I schools to take first place in three events. The novice women's eight, women's championship four and men's novice single all earned gold medals at the regatta. The categories refer to the level of experience.

The women's championship eight fought for second place, being only 10 seconds behind the first-place University of Central Florida. The women's lightweight eight, club eight and novice single came home with third place.

The regatta was comprised entirely of head racing, a type of rowing in which boats race single file down a five kilometer course. MWC entered 19 events, requiring most of the team to row multiple times during the day.

Junior Katie Dolph rowed in two

medal-winning races, the novice single and the championship eight.

"The events were spaced out, so it wasn't too bad. I ended up rowing 18 miles or so," she said.

Senior Joe Petrick put in an excruciating 24 miles over four events, according to Coach Brad Holden. Petrick rowed longer than anyone else on the team and managed to win the men's novice single.

Dolph, who rowed in the women's novice single, said she believes the most challenging aspect of rowing is having to watch the course behind her.

"You have to keep everything under control," she said.

Freshmen Karen Moonan won medals in three events. Holden highlighted her hard work, but emphasized that crew is about the group more than the individual.

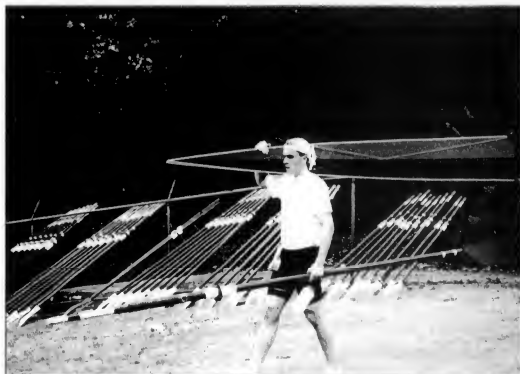
"It's tough to single someone out in rowing. You don't have a superstar to lift the boat to the next level. It's a team effort," Holden said.

Moonan believes the team helped each other all day.

"We were all focused and all together. It really added school spirit," Moonan said.

However, the day did have a disappointment. The women's lightweight eight received time penalties.

"The refs were calling random



Senior Joe Petrick, a member of the crew team, carries his boat.

fouls all day," Dolph said.

If the team had not been penalized, they would have won first place. However, the women know that their time beat University of Central Florida's, the team that won the race. "We did time well enough to beat them. It's too bad, but we laughed it off," Holden said.

Overall, the men and women's teams were pleased with the end of the fall season. They entered 19 events and would have had to win all of them in order to earn the points trophy.

"It was just awesome, a season of no regrets," Dolph said.

"We tried to enter too many things for the number of people we brought. I was greedy," Holden said.

The regatta gave MWC a taste of the competition, and they are ready for their spring season.

"We will meet up with UCF at important meets," Holden said. "This regatta was a chance to see how we stack up."

# On The Road Again

By KURT THURBER  
Sports Editor

The baseball team won seven of eight scrimmages this fall, which was business as usual for Head Coach Tom Sheridan, who has compiled a 276-119-1 record since erecting the baseball program in 1988. However, during the prior spring semester, Sheridan had stepped away from his head coaching responsibilities for personal reasons.

"It is not anybody's business if you are sick," said Sheridan, who did not want to digress into the detailed nature of his illness.

Sheridan decided he could not physically handle his on-field duties during last year's baseball season. Assistant coach and former player Josh Mosser took over the head coaching reins, with Sheridan coaching his last game on March 11. Assistant Coach Josh Mosser was unavailable for comment.

The Eagles finished 20-13 overall losing to Salisbury State in the Capital Athletic Conference finals. Sheridan sat down with Athletic Director Ed Hegmann in May and decided he wanted to resume running the baseball program at MWC. This season Mosser will resume his post as assistant coach.

"[Sheridan] was exhausted physically and mentally," Hegmann said. "The doctor told him he needed to back off. Anytime you have an incident you can read into it."

Sheridan, like other athletic coaches at MWC, has responsibilities other than guiding his team, and his health concerns were not drastic enough for him to completely withdraw from MWC.

"I did not miss a day of work," said Sheridan, who is also an assistant athletic director. "I was not on the field but I did more recruiting, saw more games, administration duties, teaching; my time-off was not a vacation."

Sheridan's excellence on the field is respected both here at MWC and around the CAC.

"Coach Sheridan is one of the most successful coaches we have had here," Hegmann said. "Also one of the most active and successful recruiters. He always has

a significant number of candidates for the team."

Lew Jenkins, the head coach at St. Mary's College of Maryland for the past six seasons, feels that MWC is very lucky to have Sheridan and said his record speaks for itself.

"He is very well organized and dedicated," Jenkins said. "Conference games with him are always tough."

Sheridan feels that because of the MWC baseball program tradition of success, his absence should not have an effect on the field performance.

"The way the program is set-up, whether I am here or not, the group of people here should work hard," said Sheridan, who came to MWC after serving as an assistant coach at James Madison University. "[Mosser] did a really good job filling in last year. It is different being an assistant and having a specific duty to fulfill then being the head coach and having to be in charge of all the details."

However, his time spent away from the baseball diamond has given Sheridan the opportunity to enjoy other facets of his life.

"I have gained a new perspective. The most important thing for anybody is your health," said Sheridan, who was named Virginia State Division College Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1998. "My wife and daughter are most important. The best thing that happened was I was able to see the world through the eyes of my four-year-old daughter, and baseball is very insignificant in those terms."

The baseball team has had a productive fall season under Sheridan's tutelage, as Sheridan has rediscovered his flare for coaching.

"[This fall] has been really fun," Sheridan, who has captured six CAC titles in his tenure at MWC, said. "The guys have been working really hard. Their success should be what the story is about."

The team is also looking for a fresh start going into the spring 2001 season and letting their record define their season.

"The team has a different outlook this year," said Ryan Napolitano, a second year senior player and outfielder. "He is the boss and we do what he says. He seems more relaxed. We keep winning and it is business as usual."

## FAST FACT:

While running for governor of Florida in 1994, Jeb Bush was asked what he would do for minorities if elected. Jeb responded, "Probably nothing." He lost the election but won four years later.

# Giddy Up! Riding Team Looks For Respect On Campus

By MICHELE TARTALIO  
Staff Writer

Less than five miles from campus, at Hazelwild Farm, the Mary Washington College riding team prepares for another rigorous season under the tutelage of Coach Kathy Denielson, who graduated from MWC in 1988.

"The team is looking pretty strong this year," junior Michelle Powell said. "I think we should be able to pull off winning regionals again."

Two weeks ago the Eagles had a show at the University of Richmond, where they won the 2000 Region One Championship.

Most residents on campus do not know the riding team's steady stream of accomplishments each season. Each show combines divisions for beginners in Walk-Trot classes through Open Division's for the most experienced riders. Teammates of all different levels must compete and each class's results count toward the final total, where the judges award the championship team.

"Working together and functioning as a whole is vital to the success of the team," senior Jean Field Turner said. "Each rider's performance has an important impact on our placing for the competition."

In most sports, coaches emphasize practice, practice, practice, and this also is true in preparation of a horse show. However, there are many obstacles on the day of the competition that can destroy a participant's sense of routine. For example, riders cannot ride their own horses or the horses from their own barn; they must ride horses from the host school of the competition.

In addition, they are not allowed to use their own personal saddles and bridles but must be given them on the day of the show. While skill is obviously very important in competitions, the uncertainty of each competition is an added challenge to make shows even more exciting.

Horseback riding is different from most collegiate competitions because it is truly an inclusive sport for beginners. These riders fully contribute to the teams final score for the day, whereas beginners in most other sports are unable to even try out for the team.

"Everyone has been very supportive," senior Shari Wilcox said. "It has really brought our team together."

Despite the fact that there are no more shows this semester, the Mary Washington Riding Team is still practicing for its next show in February. Denielson said that since she joined the team two years ago, the overall performance of the team has been improving.



MWC Riders Leap many obstacles...



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# A Few Strides Off

## Cross Country Teams Plummet In NCAA Regional Competition

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH  
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the many debilitating injuries throughout the fall, the women's and men's cross country teams finished with successful seasons after placing third and ninth respectively in the NCAA Regional Competition.

Even though this region stretches from Virginia to Texas to Florida, only the top team advances. No MWC team has advanced to the National Meet since 1990, although both teams placed second last year.

"I think overall as a team, we all worked as hard as we could. It just so had it that it wasn't our time [to get to the national meet]," sophomore Jessica Edberg said.

The women's team earned third place of 24 teams with 135 points, 79 points behind first place Emory University. Edberg led the Eagles placing 16th and earning All-Region honors with 19:09 in the five-kilometer race. Senior Teresa Joerger (19:37), freshman Maggie Marriott (19:38), junior Dana Foltz (19:51), senior Natalie Alexander (20:04), sophomore Stephanie Jenkins (20:26), and sophomore Rebecca Griffith (20:43) rounded out the Eagle's top seven runners.

"Maybe if we had complete health and fewer injuries, we could have advanced to Nationals," Edberg said.

Head Coach Stan Soper was pleased with this meet, even though the team did not advance.

"The women probably ran their best race of the season overall," Soper said.

The men fell to ninth this year with 240 points,

missing eighth place by one point. MWC was well out of the range of qualifying for nationals, being 188 points behind the first place team. Despite the loss, several players ran well for the Eagles.

"We went in there hampered by injuries, but some of the men ran their best race of the season," Soper said.

Freshman Erich Heckel was one of those who ran well, lacing first on the team with a 26:39 over five miles also making the All-Region squad. Juniors Travis Jones (26:54) and Jeremy Driver (27:36), sophomore Jamie Covino (27:49), freshman Andrew Puddister (28:48), and sophomore Dan Curran (28:55) composed the rest of the Eagles' squad.

"We knew going in that we weren't going to be nearly as strong as last year," Jones said. "I think we had a decent season. Looking back, it wasn't

**Travis Jones**

disappointing, but it wasn't great."

This season had numerous highlights in spite of the problems with injuries.

The women's team placed second in two meets and first in three others, winning the Capital Athletic Conference championship and the Virginia State Championship along the way.

The men's team placed second in the CAC and third in the Virginia State Championship. No team or individual advances to nationals, but the Eagles enjoyed success throughout their season.

"I don't think we did achieve all that we're capable of," Soper said. "But I'm proud of this group."

**"I think we had a decent season. Looking back, it wasn't disappointing, but it wasn't great."**

## Itching To Start The Season



Joel Nelson/Bullet

**Eric Vierow (left) and Paul Stoddard will lead the Eagles onto the court Nov. 17 against Capital College for their home opener. The team hosts Delaware Valley College Nov. 19 before traveling to Christendom College Nov. 21.**



Joel Nelson/Bullet

## Turkey For You, Turkey For Me?

Commentary by KURT THURBER  
Sports Editor

If there ever was a pissed-off holiday it must be Thanksgiving. Think about it, those silly pilgrims, they had no foresight, founding a "major holiday" between two of the cooler holidays out there—no not Arbor Day or my birthday—Halloween and Christmas.

Halloween gives every man, woman or child out there the erroneous excuse to dress up like Ronald McDonald. Then there is Christmas, which apparently we start celebrating right after Halloween or in July, whichever one comes first. Where are the crazy turkey tree decorations or the night we get to go from house to house collecting drumsticks and canned cranberry sauce? Sorry, that was Halloween in my neighborhood.

As a society, we are not appeasing the Thanksgiving gods. I mean, you think these omnipotent, cosmic beings are satisfied with a Dallas Cowboy's football game and John Madden's Turducken? The Thanksgiving gods want their own commercial spokesperson, and movies (the Steve Martin flick "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" is a step in the right direction).

Thanksgiving does not have any songs. The New Kids

On The Block never released a Thanksgiving album (I don't know why).

I think a great Thanksgiving "spokesperson" would be whoever loses the presidential election. George W. Bush is almost as smart as a turkey and when Al Gore talks, it might as well be gobble, gobble. It is going to be a bummer of a loss, but one of the two will have nothing to do for the next four years. The loser could be the conveyor of "thanks" to the United States (as in thanks for not electing me, America).

Why am I writing this? Because it is the week before Thanksgiving and there is not a plethora of MWC sporting events to cover (I know there is swimming). Still, I have plenty to be thankful for in the fall season. I am thankful for Ellen



Joel Nelson/Bullet

**Andre Lapar and the men's swimming beat VMI.**

Anderson who I could count on being in every other article. Thanks to Jessica Edberg and Travis Jones for doing their best Forrest Gump impressions for the cross-country team.

Thank you to the men's soccer team on executing and capitalizing on sublime scoring opportunities. Thanks Claire Van Til, the field hockey team captain, for letting me bother you for not scoring a goal (she sits in front of me in class). I will be thankful when the men's and women's basketball season comes into full swing to compliment the swimming. Besides, I wanted to make sure I was kosher with the Thanksgiving gods. I don't like my turkey dried out—do you?

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▼ **Thurs. Nov. 16:**  
**Concert.** Jazz Ensemble final concert. 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. Free.

▼ **Thurs., Nov. 16:**  
**Play.** "Cabaret." 8 p.m. Klein Theatre. Also Fri., Nov. 17 & Sat., Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$4 students.

▼ **Fri., Nov. 17:**  
**Concert.** Symfonics. 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium.

▼ **Fri., Nov. 17:**  
**Movie.** "Scary Movie." 7 p.m. "What Lies Beneath." 10 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.

▼ **Mon, Nov. 20:**  
**Comedy Act.** Tracy Morgan from Saturday Night Live. Dodd Auditorium. 7:30pm. \$4 for students and \$10 non-students.

▼ **Sun., Nov. 12:**  
**Movie.** "What Lies Beneath." 2 p.m. "Scary Movie." 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.

## top ten movies

- 1.) Charlie's Angels
- 2.) Little Nicky
- 3.) Men Of Honor
- 4.) Meet The Parents
- 5.) Red Planet
- 6.) The Legend Of Bagger Vance
- 7.) Remember The Titans
- 8.) Pay It Forward
- 9.) Billy Elliot
- 10.) Bedazzled

Coming Soon: "Bounce," starring Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow.

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## quote of the week

"The easiest thing to do is to write a boring story. Then you're not going to offend anyone."

David Von Drehle, staff writer, *The Washington Post*

# Life Is A Cabaret

By RUTH CASSELL  
Assistant Scene Editor

I sit down in seat 101, row A, of Klein Theatre and comment to my b- friend on the vivid and engaging set. Then, it comes alive for me.

I peer into an extravagant nightclub complete with a five-piece band tuning up, a server sweeping the floor and polishing the fixtures, and a dancer skirting around flirting with the hard working help and the wine-sipping patrons.

Once I am acquainted with the story of the Kit Kat Club and the people involved, the musical "Cabaret" begins.

"Our thinking about the pre-show sequence is that all of these people work in the club as well as perform and dance in the club. It is our desire to have the characters have a connection with the world of the play," said Gregg Stull, theatre department chair and director of the play.

The beginning sequence sets the pace and feel for the rest of the show. It is seductive and snappy. It is a little over the top and a little rambunctious.

Watching 10 highly-made-up Kit Kat Club girls in knee-high stockings as they stretch every possible limb in preparation for the night's performance does it for me.

Kit Kat girl Sara Nash, a senior, said that the pre-show routine helps to set up the story.

"The beginning sequence helps to establish where we are and show what kind of girls we are and to get the audience into the show. On a practical level, it also gave us another chance to stretch," Nash said.

The performance of the evening at the Kit Kat Club features Sally Bowles from Britain singing "Don't Tell Mama."

The story takes off from there. The 27 student cast members work well together to create the world of pre-World War II Berlin. They have made obvious efforts to find the identity of the characters.

Freshman Lori Ann Maresca, as the lead, Sally, succeeds in creating the character of a single woman just trying to make it on her own who, in the meantime, depends on every man she meets.

"The most important part of this show for me is understanding what my character is feeling and what is going on among all the other characters," Maresca said. "This isn't a show where you can just go in and do your part. You really have to understand what everyone else on stage is thinking and feeling."

The German accents, which are impressively maintained throughout the production, add to the characters' identities.

Lialect coach Mark W.C. Wright, a student of German for seven years, has worked closely with the cast and the script to ensure a true representation of the language and pronunciation.

"I tried to steer away from saying their lines for them because I know as an actor it is important to put the right intonation on your lines to get your character and purpose across," said Wright, a senior theatre major. "I tried to teach them how to say words differently because German is spoken back forth in your mouth."

Wright said that he had to make some grammatical corrections to the German in the script.

"There were very basic word order problems. My roommate, Carston, who is German, answered a lot of questions for me," Wright said.

The characters go deeper than their accents. Every person on stage has an obvious grasp of his or her character's motivation.

Every member of the cast has actively researched historical contexts of the story's setting and plot.

Senior Paul Dunford plays Cliff Bradshaw, a young American from Pennsylvania who travels to Germany looking for inspiration to write his first novel. Dunford visited his character's hometown, Harrisburg, Pa., to get a feel for where Cliff comes from and how he would face the issues that arise in Berlin.

The production deals playfully but seriously with many difficult political and social issues. It shows an understanding of the impending implications of



Juliette Gomez/Bullet  
Senior Paul Dunford (Cliff) and freshman Lori Ann Maresca (Sally) star in "Cabaret."

those issues while keeping the action current and natural.

Senior Melinda Askins and junior Nick Bogner, playing Fraulein Schneider and Herr Schultz gave very convincing performances as a German widow and German Jewish widower who fall in love. Askins gives a true representation of the fear they face as the Nazis gain power while Bogner accurately portrays the helplessness of Jews at the time.

The Master of Ceremonies, played by junior Steven Mory, epitomizes the themes of the story. Mory's character connects all of the subplots, and appears in almost every scene, sometimes just lurking in the background. Although not always the strongest presence on stage, he shows the audience a character whose transition throughout the story allows for an interpretive ending.

"I had to do a lot of research on the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany," Mory said. "I

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## FAST FACT:

The favorite horses of Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar both had atavistic mutations- extra toes.

# 'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

By BRYAN JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Although some complain that the Fredericksburg bar scene isn't the most exciting for recently legal college students, this review is meant to pick out the best bars in terms of Happy Hour, food and company.

To begin, Thursday night and Santa Fe have become synonymous over the past few years for Mary Washington College students. No one is really certain when this started, but it still seems like the thing to do for most seniors.

"You know that people are going to be there," senior Paul Bratten said. "You find a responsible driver, and everyone just meets up down there—there's no planning involved and it's fun for everybody. At times the music can be lacking, but it's usually a good time."

The long bar, pool tables, foosball, and a dance floor provide a multitude of activities for Santa Fe's patrons. Although there are some older locals on any given Thursday night, for the most part college students rule the crowd.

Even though it may not seem like it, Santa Fe is not the only bar in Fredericksburg. Whether you go downtown, out to Central Park, or just down Route 1, there is a wide variety of places for college students to frequent around town.

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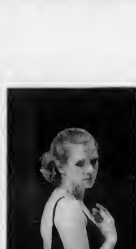


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Another restaurant/bar which requires mentioning is Hard Times Café, a recent addition to the Fredericksburg area. There are nightly specials offered for college students, ranging from Tuesday night's all-you-can-eat chili for \$4.95 to Wednesday's 25-cent wings and selected dollar beers. In fact, Hard Times is becoming the Wednesday night tradition that Santa Fe is on Thursdays, as groups of friends routinely meet at the restaurant for an hour or two filled with eating wings, drinking a few beers and watching the evening's hockey game on ESPN.

The real question that may be on everyone's mind by this point is, "So which is the best bar to go to?" To be honest, there is no real clear-cut answer. All I can do right now is offer my opinion.

The best place to go and eat with your friends? Hands down—Hard Times. There is really no competition for a place that plays country music, offers some of the best chili I have ever tasted, and has really affordable food

and drink for the poor college student.

In a related category, the best place to go for Happy Hour is Tia's. Cheap margaritas, cheap beer and free chips and salsa are surpassed only by the free nacho bar on Friday. Furthermore, the food is accessible to those who are not legally able to drink beer.

"I'm not 21 yet, so I can't drink at a bar," junior Travis Bjorklund said. "However, I love to eat nachos while my friends have a good time. I'm content to just drive them around until I get to be legal. I still have a great time when we go to Tia's."

The best place to go to find drama? Easily Santa Fe. The place is packed with college students every Thursday night, and there is always some form of gossip floating around. Come on, we can all admit that the 90210-esque lives of our friends is more interesting than the stuff they show on television.

Senior Mandi Medhurst put it best when discussing the drama of our lives as college students.

"The Fredericksburg bar scene belongs in the Soap Opera Digest," she said. If this is the

case, Santa Fe is the ideal place to catch up on the past week's episodes.

Needless to say, there is definitely a variety of bars to hit with your friends in Fredericksburg. Everyone has personal favorites, but as far as I'm concerned, I'll be eating the chili and wings at Hard Times with my friends on Wednesday nights for one final semester, and enjoying the drama (no matter how much I say I hate it) at Santa Fe on Thursdays.

Hope to see some of you out there, because both of these bars are, as the song says, "Where everybody knows your name."



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## "Don't Tell Mama What You Saw"

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Many of the cast members have stressed how every performance has added to their characters' identities as well as their understanding of the story.

"Our characters all develop more every time we go through the play and we understand the story more and

know what it would feel like to live at a time like this," said sophomore Christopher Hogan, who plays Kit Kat Club owner Max.

Maresca said that while every performance is different, every show teaches the cast something new.

"Performance-wise, each night we've been building on the night before. We've had a few unresponsive audiences. We're not sure if that may be because of the content of the play and the emotions involved," Maresca said.

Hopefully with every performance some of the technical difficulties of

the show will work out. If you sit more than halfway back in the theatre, chances are you will miss out on a few songs especially when the lead characters try to sing over an ensemble. The lead characters could use microphones to guarantee the sound quality the show deserves.

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## quote of the week

"The easiest thing to do is  
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# Life Is A Cabaret

By RUTH CASSELL  
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I sit down in seat 101, row A, of Klein Theatre and comment to my best friend on the vivid and engaging set. Then, it comes alive for me.

I peer into an extravagant nightclub complete with a five-piece band tuning up, a server sweeping the floor and polishing the fixtures, and a dancer skirting around flirting with the hard working help and the wine-sipping patrons.

Once I am acquainted with the story of the Kit Kat Club and the musical "Cabaret" begins.

"Our thinking about the pre-show sequence is that all of these people work in the club as well as perform and dance in the club. It is our desire to have the characters have a connection with the world of the play," said Gregg Stull, theatre department chair and director of the play.

The beginning sequence sets the pace and feel for the rest of the show. It is seductive and snappy. It is a little over the top and a little rambunctious.

Watching 10 highly-made-up Kit Kat Club girls in knee-high stockings as they stretch every possible limb in preparation for the night's performance does it for me.

Kit Kat girl Sara Nash, a senior, said that the pre-show routine helps to set up the story.

"The beginning sequence helps to establish where we are and show what kind of girls we are and to get the audience into the show. On a practical level, it also gave us another chance to stretch," Nash said.

The performance of the evening at the Kit Kat Club features Sally Bowles from Britain singing "Don't Tell Mama."

The story takes off from there. The 27 student cast members work well together to create the world of pre-World War II Berlin. They have made obvious efforts to find the identity of the characters.

Freshman Lori Ann Maresca, as the lead, Sally, succeeds in creating the character of a single woman just trying to make it on her own, in the meantime, depends on every man she meets.

"The most important part of this show for me is understanding what my character is feeling and what is going on among all the other characters," Maresca said. "This isn't a show where you can just go in and do your part. You really have to understand what everyone else on stage is thinking and feeling."

The German accents, which are impressively maintained throughout the production, add to the characters' identities.

Dialect coach Mark W.C. Wright, a student of German for seven years, has worked closely with the cast and the script to ensure a true representation of the language and pronunciation.

"I tried to steer away from saying their lines for them because I know as an actor it is important to put the right intonation on your lines to get your character and purpose across," said Wright, a senior theatre major. "I tried to teach them how to say words differently because German is spoken back further in your mouth."

Wright said that he had to make some grammatical corrections to the German in the script. "There were very basic word order problems. My roommate, Carlson, who is German, answered a lot of questions for me," Wright said.

The characters go deeper than their accents. Every person on stage has an obvious grasp of his or her character's motivation.

Every member of the cast has actively researched historical contexts of the story's setting and plot.

Senior Paul Dunford plays Cliff Bradshaw, a young American from Pennsylvania who travels to Germany looking for inspiration to write his first novel. Dunford visited his character's hometown, Harrisburg, Pa., to get a feel for where Cliff comes from and how he would face the issues that arise in Berlin.

The production deals playfully but seriously with many difficult political and social issues. It shows an understanding of the impending implications of



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those issues while keeping the action current and natural.

Senior Melinda Askins and junior Nick Bognar, playing Fraulein Schneider and Herr Schultz gave very convincing performances as a German widow and German Jewish widower who fall in love. Askins gives a true representation of the fear they face as the Nazis gain power while Bognar accurately portrays the helplessness of Jews at the time.

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Although some complain that the Fredericksburg bar scene isn't the most exciting for recently legal college students, this review is meant to pick out the best bars in terms of Happy Hour, food and company.

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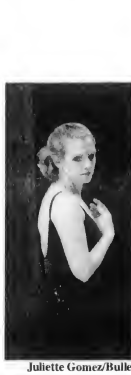


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"But we're the original [BluesWorks]," Luis-Watson said.

## The Best Deals In Town

▲ BARS, page 8

attractive.

"It's a really neat thing, to tell the truth," Gina Clough, a senior, said. "I've actually made friends with people through the bars, and nobody would really think about that. We joke about it all the time."

There are also bars that feature extensive menus. Tia's, for example, is a family restaurant which also includes a bar section. Two-dollar margaritas (frozen or on the rocks), dollar beers, and free chips and salsa are all offered during Happy Hour to keep hungry and thirsty patrons happy. An added high point to Happy Hour is Friday's free nacho bar, where many college students have a cheap off-campus dinner before heading out for the night.

Another restaurant/bar which requires mentioning is Hard Times Café, a recent addition to the Fredericksburg area. There are nightly specials offered for college students, ranging from Tuesday night's all-you-can-eat chili for \$4.95 to Wednesday's 25-cent wings and selected dollar beers. In fact, Hard Times is becoming the Wednesday night tradition that Santa Fe is on Thursdays, as groups of friends routinely meet at the restaurant for an hour or two filled with eating wings, drinking a few beers and watching the evening's hockey game on ESPN.

The real question that may be on everyone's mind by this point is, "So which is the best bar to go to?" To be honest, there is no real clear-cut answer. All I can do right now is offer my opinion.

The best place to go and eat with your friends? Hands down—Hard Times. There is really no competition for a place that plays country music, offers some of the best chili I have ever tasted, and has really affordable food

and drink for the poor college student.

In a related category, the best place to go for Happy Hour is Tia's. Cheap margaritas, cheap beer and free chips and salsa are surpassed only by the free nacho bar on Friday. Furthermore, the food is accessible to those who are not legally able to drink beer.

"I'm not 21 yet, so I can't drink at a bar," junior Travis Bjorklund said. "However, I love to eat nachos while my friends have a good time. I'm content to just drive them around until I get to be legal. I still have a great time when we go to Tia's."

The best place to go to find drama? Easily Santa Fe. The place is packed with college students every Thursday night, and there is always some form of gossip floating around. Come on, we can all admit that the 90210-esque lives of our friends is more interesting than the stuff they show on television.

Senior Mandi Medhurst put it best when discussing the drama of our lives as college students.

"The Fredericksburg scene belongs in the Soap Opera Digest," she said. If this is the

case, Santa Fe is the ideal place to catch up on the past week's episodes.

Needless to say, there is definitely a variety of bars to hit with your friends in Fredericksburg. Everyone has personal favorites, but as far as I'm concerned, I'll be eating the chili and wings at Hard Times with my friends on Wednesday nights for one final semester, and enjoying the drama (no matter how much I hate it) at Santa Fe on Thursdays.

Hope to see some of you out there, because both of these bars are, as the song says, "Where everybody knows your name."



Juliette Gomez/Bullet  
Spirits has comfortable couches and a back room with pool tables, but no food at the bar.

## "Don't Tell Mama What You Saw"

▲ CABARET, page 8

went to the Holocaust museum and did a lot of reading. I read The Berlin Stories, which the musical is based on, and watched a lot of movies about what was going on during that period of history."

Many of the cast members have stressed how every performance has added to their characters' identities as well as their understanding of the story.

"Our characters all develop more every time we go through the play and we understand the story more and

know what it would feel like to live at a time like this," said sophomore Christopher Hogan, who plays Kit Kat Club owner Max.

Maresca said that while every performance is different, every show teaches the cast something new.

"Performance-wise, each night we've been building on the night before. We've had a few unresponsive audiences. We're not sure if that may be because of the content of the play and the emotions involved," Maresca said.

Hopefully with every performance some of the technical difficulties of

the show will work out. If you sit more than halfway back in the theatre, chances are you will miss out on a few songs especially when the lead characters try to sing over an ensemble. The lead characters could use microphones to guarantee the sound quality the show deserves.

"Cabaret," simultaneously an entertaining production and a moving depiction of German life on the eve of the Nazi regime, displays the extent of work the cast and crew put into the show. It is well worth a trip to Klein Theatre.

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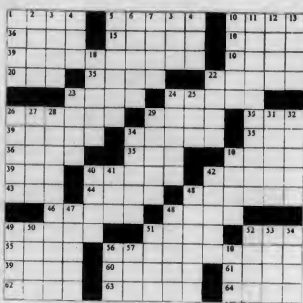
# Crossword

By Ed Canty

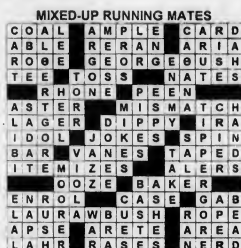
## Crossword 101

### "Legal-Ease"

- ACROSS
- 1 Proof read
  - 5 Venetian's codename
  - 10 St. Patrick's recess
  - 14 Med. school grads
  - 15 Baltimore specialty
  - 16 Asian country
  - 17 Defendant's right
  - 19 Lawn pest
  - 20 Centennial parts
  - 21 Unoccupied
  - 22 School furniture
  - 23 Hastened
  - 24 Electronic device
  - 26 Rankles
  - 29 Precedes time or estate
  - 30 Chit. time
  - 33 Afflicted
  - 34 Switzerland's DC?
  - 35 News org.
  - 36 Brewer's need
  - 37 Defensive nuke weapon
  - 38 It weighs \_\_\_\_ heavy
  - 39 Nice summer
  - 40 Mr. Montessori
  - 42 Dash
  - 43 Droop
  - 44 Old
  - 45 Terriers
  - 46 Summed
  - 48 Musical group
  - 49 \_\_\_\_ pie
  - 51 Penny
  - 52 Drive
  - 55 Pavarotti rendition
  - 56 Law students' practice sessions
  - 59 Menial worker
  - 60 Lasso
  - 61 Melee
  - 62 Lucid
  - 63 Shankar's instrument
  - 64 Zlich
- DOWN
- 1 Mary Baker \_\_\_\_
  - 2 Gloomy



- 3 Clinches a game; slang
- 4 Child's meas.
- 5 Darrow's 1925 client
- 6 Rounded
- 7 French city
- 8 Dan Rather's home
- 9 Former CIA
- 10 Pointed
- 11 The D.A.
- 12 Polio vaccine developer
- 13 Supplements with difficulty
- 18 Lassoed
- 22 Clinton's foe
- 23 Remain as is
- 24 Skin Prefix
- 25 007's creator
- 26 Monopoly et al
- 27 Lasso
- 28 II Down's claim
- 29 Make second offer
- 31 Golf club
- 32 Shades
- 34 Exposed
- 38 Comes before rain or test
- 40 Constructed
- 41 Follows team
- 42 \_\_\_\_ Domingo
- 45 Malignant growth
- 47 British princess
- 48 Colorful fish
- 49 Upper limits
- 50 Fertilizer ingredient
- 51 Cover with paint
- 52 Chamber music group
- 53 British School
- 54 Italian noble family
- 56 Some parents
- 57 Japanese sash
- 58 Vase



The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bulletin.

## Ethnocentric English Majors Need Not Apply

▲ LANGUAGE, page 3

hate mathematics. Like us. Others dislike science. Like us. But in order to achieve a well-rounded education, we emulate the savanna monitor, and realize that versatility is perfection. It can swim, climb, burrow and run. The goal of every industrious student should be to excel in all areas. Let us swim in English, climb in mathematics, burrow in science, and run in foreign languages. Embrace your fate, Dave.

As for your petition, we suggest you change its title to

## Electoral College Was A Good Idea Then, And It's A Good Idea Now

Editor:

After this crazy election, and the anxieties it caused, it is easy for us to second-guess our founding fathers and the electoral system. Alexander Hamilton might have even second-guessed himself, as he wrote in *Federalist 68* "I venture to affirm that the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least most excellent."

However, I venture to affirm that Mr. Hamilton came to an educated conclusion. Though the reasons today might be different from those in the past, the electoral college still serves a purpose in the Union.

Everybody shows general disgust with politicians for their ability to lie about and to feign interest in issues they may know nothing about. Yet how many people do not want to hear presidential candidates pander "I love (state of your choice)" or "(state of your choice) is great." I would argue no one.

Frankly, I believe Hamilton and our forefathers were right when they argued in *Federalist 68*: "Talents of low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity, may alone suffice to elevate a man to the first honors of a single

"MWC students who choose to remain apathetically unilingual and ethnocentric for the sake of slack time." We guarantee the number of signatures will drop dramatically.

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Tom Ratliff and Andy Craver are juniors. Andy Ward is a senior.

state. But it will require a different kind of merit, to establish him in the esteem and confidence of the whole Union."

**George W. Bush handsomely won 7/8 of the nation geographically, and that should count for something.**

David Linsay

and that should count for something.

Do we want our president to be representative of the majority view, or do we desire him to represent the unrepresented as well? I fear (slippery-slope, I admit I am fallible) that our future presidents will cease to be president of the United States, and instead president of only certain political parties. I find this possible outcome to be disgusting, for whatever so small satisfaction my vote in millions gains.

David Linsay  
Junior

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## The Same Book Yields Different Viewpoints

▲ BELIEFS, page 3

doing the very same things. You say, 'We know God's judgement on those who do such things is in accordance with truth.' Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet you do them yourself, you will escape the judgement of God?"

I am not saying that the author meant to pass a judgement. But logical thinking yields the idea that when you do not accept someone there is a reason, which is a judgement.

I was told by the author of the guest column that because I am a Christian, I cannot accept anyone who is homosexual and furthermore that anyone who is homosexual should not expect to be accepted by anyone who is Christian. Why should they? A church is supposed to be a place for everyone, and I'm not just talking about

the building itself. The people inside that make up the congregation are the important part of the church. Without them, it is just a building. Saying that the church is accepting, but its people are not, is quite a contradiction.

It does not go against my religion to accept a homosexual. In fact, I feel partly because of my Christian background, which taught me to accept and welcome anyone, that I do so.

Christ accepted all people he met whether they were of a different religion, race, and, yes, sexual orientation. If Christ was put on earth to forgive us all our sins, who are we to judge?

Stephanie Merriam  
Junior

## Bullet Coverage Projected False Image Of Asian Student Association Exclusivity

▲ ASA, page 3

find a more positive view of our organization and the willingness of the student body to participate.

Also, the notion that our group is exclusive ignores the fact that our organization enjoys a fairly diverse membership with a significant number of our active members not being of Asian descent.

This fact supports the idea that non-Asian members of the student body do feel welcome in our organization. Despite what the article may have led readers to believe, our student body is more open-minded than given credit for.

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## Constitutional Revision Would Call For Twice-Annual Election Of Senators

▲ CONSTITUTION, page 1

Turcic acknowledged that the most controversial portions of the proposed constitution are those dealing with Giant Productions and ICA. Although Giant and ICA are currently listed as SGA committees in the constitution, the organizations have been autonomous for several years. The proposed constitution reaffirms that ICA and Giant would be part of SGA, with their presidents appointed by the SGA president.

Senior Kedron Bullock, ICA president, said that she is in favor of a stronger link between the SGA and ICA.

"We've been working for two years to get ICA recognized under SGA," Bullock, who said she had not been informed of the proposed SGA constitution changes, said. "We're supposed to serve as a forum for clubs, but clubs feel ICA has no voice. If ICA is under the SGA, then clubs' concerns would be heard and something could be done about them."

Bullock said that she does not agree that the SGA president should appoint the ICA president. She said she feels the ICA president should be elected by the student body, and she hopes to put this into action for the general elections held in the spring. Senior Rachel Scarr, co-chair of Giant Productions, said she is opposed to the SGA president appointing the president of Giant. "If someone is thrown into that position, that could cause problems in the way things are run," she said.

However, Scarr said that she is in favor of working more closely with the SGA.

"It might make it broader in getting student opinion about what acts come. I'm all for coming up with ways of working together—student opinion is something Giant is always looking for," said Scarr, who like Bullock said she has not been consulted in the drafting of the new constitution.

The second major change involves

interpretation of the constitution. Currently, the SGA constitution contradicts itself by stating that there are three "sole" interpreters of the constitution: the rules and procedures committee, the parliamentarian, and the executive cabinet. Under the proposed constitution, the Judicial Review Board (JRB) would have the final say in interpreting the constitution.

Senior Brooke Dunbar, SGA vice president, explained that this change was designed to institute a system of checks and balances. In other words, it would bring in an unbiased party to solve any discrepancies in order to ensure fairness, she said.

Senior Sheri Asbell, JRB vice president, said that she thinks the change is logical.

"It is important for the SGA to have an unbiased interpreter of the constitution," she said. "It also provides a link between SGA and JRB, and in the past we haven't been seen as linked."

Asbell said that the JRB has been well informed of the proposed constitution changes and that Dunbar came to one of their meetings to make a presentation on the proposed constitution.

Turcic said that the proposed constitution calls for Senate elections twice each school year in order to increase senators' accountability: if students do not feel their senator represents them well during the fall semester, they would have an opportunity to elect a new senator in the spring.

Maddox said that increased accountability was his main goal in rewriting the constitution.

"This way, senators will have to do more than just show up at meetings. I was a senator for three years and that's all I did. It was not until I got to the top that I realized that things needed to be changed," Maddox said.

Under the proposed constitution, senators would no longer be responsible for carrying

out the motions passed in senate; this responsibility would shift to the executive branch of SGA.

Freshman Maureen Godfrey, who is a senator for Bushnell Hall, said she sees the positive and negative sides of the proposed changes.

"I think it would be a logical change, but still, I like being a senator because I get to take part in fixing the problems, not just dishing them out to other people," said Godfrey, who sits on the Welfare Committee, which deals with issues like parking.

She said she feels most senators already actively seek out student opinion but that she is in favor of any constitutional changes that would make senators even more accountable to students.

Lydon said the contradictions in the current SGA constitution, exist because the constitution can be changed easily.

"If there was an amendment up for consideration by the student body, and only three people voted, the amendment would be made if two people voted for it. That's why so many contradictory statements appear in the constitution," he said.

According to Lydon, under the proposed new constitution, 10 percent of the student body would have to sign a petition and a majority of the entire student body would have to vote in favor of an amendment in order for it to be passed. Currently, two-thirds of students voting on the constitutional amendments must approve changes for them to be enacted.

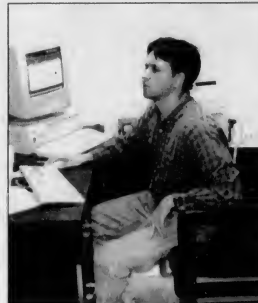
"This constitution, if passed, will be very difficult to change, almost impossible to change," Lydon said.

According to Lydon, the executive cabinet met Monday to discuss the constitution changes and all agreed on the proposed document. They will present it to Senate, and if it passes in Senate, the student



File Photo

**Brooke Dunbar (top), SGA vice president, supports the proposed revised constitution. Alumnus Josh Maddox, former LAC chair, was the primary author of the new constitution.**



File Photo

body will eventually vote on it.

Lydon said that several hearings open to the student body will be held to gather input.

Turcic said that because of the complicated process the proposed constitution must go through, the student body should not expect to vote on it before the end of January.

## College Looks To Change Professor Evaluations

▲ ACADEMIC, page 1

College spends approximately \$16,000 a year on teacher evaluations, with half of the academic departments undergoing evaluation the first semester of the year and the other half during the second semester.

Hall questioned the validity of the tests, as the SIR II's are anonymous scantron tests with no space for actual student comments. Although the college does provide yellow sheets of paper on which to comment separately, there is no way to match the student's comments with their scantron ratings of professors' performances.

Hall made reference to a kind of evaluation at George Mason University where students can put comments directly on the sheets with the scantron and said that Mary Washington College may want to look into similar methods.

Kelly Turcic, president of the Student Government Association, said of the evaluation program, "I have never heard good things from the student body about these forms."

Turcic said that many students find the evaluations too long and questions such as "does the professor have a command of spoken English?" to be irrelevant. She also suggested shorter tests with place for personal comment directly on the sheet.

According to Hall, the issues addressed at the committee meeting were only suggestions. The committee did decide to explore SIR II options further and to keep working on finding people to fill the Farmer Human Rights Professorship.

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